



NTAA Weekly Update

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PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

CBC – [Toronto honours 215 children found buried at B.C. residential school with vigil, memorial](#)



A makeshift memorial has been set up in front of the Ontario Legislature in memory of the 215 children whose bodies were recently discovered on the grounds of a residential school in Kamloops, B.C. (Michael Charles Cole/CBC)

TOP STORIES

The [2021 Status of Tribal Air Report \(STAR\)](#) National Presentation will be held on June 14th at 12pm PT / 3pm ET

The NTAA will host a national presentation to provide an overview of the STAR, share the stories within the STAR, and provide specific recommendations for national leadership to advance air quality on and around Tribal lands. Presenters include NTAA’s Executive Committee (EC) Chairwoman & Region 10’s EC Primary Representative Carol Kriebs, Region 4’s EC Alternate Representative Tiffany Lozada, Region 5’s EC Alternate Representative Joy Wiecks, Region 6’s EC Primary Representative Craig Kreman, Dana Adkins of the Chickahominy Tribe, the TAMS Steering Committee’s Chairwoman Tennille Denetdeel, and NTAA staff members Andy Bessler, Mariah Ashley, and Dara Marks Marino. To register for the presentation, [follow this link](#).

NTAA is producing a [Policy Resource Kit](#) to help Tribes respond to EPA on its reconsideration of the 2019 action titled, the “Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient Vehicles Rule,” for the purposes of rescinding the action taken by the

prior administration. [NTAA commented on the full SAFE proposal](#), which included both the waiver withdrawal and the freezing of fuel efficiency standards, on October 26, 2018. This Reconsideration seeks comment on:

- Appropriateness of EPA’s interpretations that led to the withdrawal of CA’s CAA waiver to set GHG standards and a ZEV sales mandate
- Appropriateness of EPA’s interpretation that disallowed other states to adopt CA GHG emission standards

NTAA’s PRK includes [a fact sheet](#) and NTAA will be preparing a template letter for Tribes to use in submitting their own comments. The comment deadline is July 6, 2021. You can find more information and to comment, visit the [Federal Register website](#).

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

NY Times - [A Look at What’s Inside Biden’s \\$6 Trillion Budget Request](#)

EPA - [Statement by Administrator Regan on the President’s FY 2022 Budget](#)

Bloomberg Law - [Biden Budget Seeks Boost for EPA Core Programs and Research](#)

EPA – [Air Pollution Trends Continue to Link Clean Air and Strong Economy](#)

The Hill - [EPA officially nixes Trump 'secret science' rule](#)

Indian Country Today - [Unanimous: Supreme Court rules for Tribes as Tribal jurisdiction upheld in United States v. Cooley case](#)

Native Sun News – [Water protectors continue to disrupt Line 3 construction](#)

School Transportation News – [Cleaning the air starts with education on school bus role](#)

High Country News – [Will a Native-led Initiative spur an agricultural revolution in rural Alaska?](#)

National Association of Clean Air Agencies – [Washington Update](#)

Climate Change/Energy

The Hill - [Biden administration to suspend Arctic oil leases issued under Trump: reports](#)

The Verge – [A company wants to build a massive solar project in Montana—of course it's for crypto](#)

Nature – [The burden of heat-related mortality attributable to recent human-induced climate change](#)

Reuters – [Hydrogen ‘a huge opportunity’ to replace fossil fuels, says U.S. energy secretary](#)

Energy News Network – [Cranberry farmers look to sweeten income by pairing crop with solar panels](#)

Canary Media – [Why rooftop solar and home batteries make a clean grid vastly more affordable](#)

Reuters – [Digital divide: How to unmute climate voices in poorer nations](#)

The Hill - [EPA to revise Trump rule limiting state authority to block pipelines](#)

Architect.com – [The Butterfly Effect: Retrofitting Low-Income Housing](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

NPR – [The Week That Shook Big Oil](#)

The Guardian – [‘Black Wednesday’ for big oil as courtrooms and boardrooms turn on industry](#)

NY Times – [Fixing What Highways Destroyed](#)

NY Times – [Can Removing Highways Fix America’s Cities?](#)

NY Times – [How do animals safely cross a highway? Take a look.](#)

AP – [Enbridge’s Line 3 oil pipeline enters critical month in June](#)

The Guardian – [Guyanese citizens challenge ExxonMobil offshore drilling on climate grounds](#)

Reuters – [Three Exxon refineries top the list of U.S. polluters](#)

Washington Examiner – [Greener cryptocurrencies in focus as Bitcoin faces environmental criticism](#)

Gizmodo – [Iran bans crypto mining after months of blackouts](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Charkoosta – [Arlee High School students win statewide award for radon testing](#)

Be sure to subscribe to [EPA's IAQ Bulletins](#)

UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES ***Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes***

Requesting comments on AirNow Fire and Smoke map FAQs

While EPA is working to make updates to the AirNow Fire and Smoke Map, we also are reviewing our frequently asked questions (FAQs). The existing FAQs are [here](#). Please look at them and let us know your thoughts on these questions:

- Please think back to last year's fire season. Did you get questions that were not included in these FAQs and that would be helpful to add? If so, what were they?
- What type of questions did you get most frequently? (This information will help us as we consider the order of questions on the page.)
- Are there questions/answers in the existing FAQs that you find confusing? Please let us know which ones -- and let us know what was confusing (need simplification, need more information, etc.) We'll work on clarifying them.

Please send your feedback to firesmokemap@epa.gov, with **FAQ Input** in the subject line. It will help us if you can provide your feedback no later than June 15, 2021. If you have any questions, then please contact Ron Evans at 919-541-5488.

EPA announced the first step in developing a proposed rule to reduce methane and other harmful pollutants from new and existing sources in the oil and natural gas industry, beginning with a broad public outreach effort to gather community and stakeholder input. These activities include holding training sessions on the rulemaking process and how to participate in it, convening listening sessions for stakeholders, and opening a public docket for pre-proposal comments. Here are some links for more information:

- [Press release](#) on the announcement

- Additional information, a [link](#) to the public docket and information on registering to attend a training webinar or a listening session.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO) has scheduled national webinars regarding EPA’s consultation practices and to inform the EPA *Plan for Implementing the Policies and Directives of Executive Order 13175: Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments*. EPA’s American Indian Environmental Office has scheduled those national webinars as follows:

- Tribal Webinar #2: Thursday, May 27, 2021, 1:00 - 3:00 PM Eastern Time
 - TEAMS video conference link: [Click here](#) at the appropriate time
 - Dial-In Option (Audio Only) Number: 202-991-0477; Conf. ID: 240-750-765#

To find a local dial-in number, please [click here](#). The webinars will be given through Microsoft Teams, which can be joined by clicking the links provided above or dialing in – please note these links and dial in numbers are different for each webinar. You may reach out to byrne.andrew@epa.gov if you have any questions.

NIH-EPA Environmental Health Disparities Research Webinar Series

The [NIH-EPA Environmental Health Disparities Research Centers of Excellence Program](#) is hosting this webinar series to highlight the research, training, and community-engagement accomplishments at the Centers collaboratively funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Furthermore, the webinar series is intended to raise awareness of, and prompt dialogue on, opportunities to examine and address environmental contributions to health disparities. The webinars are open to anyone interested in learning more about environmental health disparities and strategies to reduce them.

Schedule:

- *June 28, 2021 – [Exposure Pathways & Environmental Health Disparities](#)*
All webinars in the series will be held live via Zoom on Mondays 3-4:30pm EST

NTAA Upcoming Calls

The toll-free number is 1-800-309-2350. If you do not need to call toll free, or would like to help conserve NTAA funding, you can call 1-805-309-2350. Both numbers use code 928-523-0526#. Contact Andy.Bessler@nau.edu if you have any questions about any call! ***Registration instructions*** When you register for the GoToWebinar, please remember to include your Tribe, Region, or Organization in parenthesis after your last name. This allows you to see everyone on the call and prevents us from conducting a roll-call, ultimately saving everyone’s time.

Mobile Sources Work Group: This monthly work group addresses all mobile source pollution issues.	Thursday, June 3, 2pm ET
Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Join this work group every other month to help support IAQ work throughout Indian Country.	Thursday, June 24, 2pm ET
EPA Policy Call: Call in to hear updates from EPA on policies, actions, and tools relevant to Indian Country and Air Quality. <i>NOTE TIME CHANGE</i>	Thursday, June 24, 1pm ET
Wood Smoke Work Group: Join this work group every other month to address wood smoke issues in Indian Country.	Thursday, July 22, 1pm ET

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professional (ITEP)

[Click here](#) for ITEP's new Tribal Environmental Management and Planning Online Courses. Sign up for a self-paced course hosted by ITEP's Waste and Response and Tribal Air Quality programs. New courses have been added, so check it out!

ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program (AIAQTP) hosts the Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Cold Climates, Residential Building Science Review, Radon Fundamentals, Quality Assurance Fundamental, Writing a Quality Assurance Project Plan, Emissions Inventory Fundamentals, and Emissions Inventory Advanced.

[AIAQTP Schedule and Registration](#)

Training Title	2021 Dates	Training Type
Quality Assurance Project Plans in a Nutshell	June 1	Webinar
Wildland Smoke and Community Preparedness	June 7-11	Virtual Training

Recorded Webinars

Looking for more information check out the [Tribal Air Quality Media Space Channel](#). Recent webinars include an Introduction to Air Quality Programs, Emissions Inventories, Remote Professional Assistance, and Woodstoves in Indian Country. Older classics include a series on Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke, Tribal Air Program and Grants, Data Management, and the Clean Air Act.

ITEP's [Tribes and Climate Change Calendar](#) includes conferences, trainings, webinars, and other events related to tribes and climate change.

Climate Change / Energy

EPA's Climate Change Indicators in the United States: EPA's newly updated website, **Climate Change Indicators in the United States**, looks at changes to our health and the environment related to the causes and effects of climate change. With new science, additional indicators, and more years of data, many of these signs of climate change have become even more evident, stronger, and extreme. Explore the website: <https://www.epa.gov/climate-indicators>.

NEW! You are invited to participate in two upcoming webinars on the resource. On June 17, EPA will provide an Overview of EPA's Climate Change Indicators. The presentation will provide key findings, highlight several indicators, and describe ways to explore, share and use the information including interactive data tools and story maps. A second webinar on June 24 will focus on Climate and Heat: Trends, Health Impacts and Risk. This one-hour webinar will feature climate-related temperature trends particularly related to extreme heat and urban heat, human health effects, social vulnerability, and risks (happening now and looking into the future). Visit EPA's State, Local, and Tribal Webinar Series webpage to register: <https://www.epa.gov/statelocalenergy/state-local-and-tribal-webinar-series>.

NEW! Request for Proposals: Seed Funding for Centering Justice in Climate Research & Action

Due: Friday, June 25; @midnight | [View Application Here](#)

The [Rising Voices Center for Indigenous and Earth Sciences](#) is offering three \$5,000 awards to launch small-scale but impactful projects OR to support the time and effort to write a proposal for a large-scale project. Applications must demonstrate how the proposed work will bring together Indigenous and Earth sciences to address pressing community-driven research and action. Successful applications will support projects to begin around July 20, 2021 and conclude around November 20, 2021. If you have any questions about the solicitation or application process, please send an email to RisingVoicesinAction@gmail.com

Office of Air and Radiation Update: Proposed Rule "Phasedown of Hydrofluorocarbons: Establishing the Allowance Allocation and Trading Program under the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act"

Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) are potent greenhouse gases commonly used in refrigerators, stationery and motor vehicle air conditioners, and many other

applications. On April 30th, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed the first regulation under the American Innovation and Manufacturing (AIM) Act of 2020, which requires the United States to phase down production and consumption of HFCs by 85% over the next 15 years by using an allowance allocation and trading program.

EPA is seeking public comment on this proposed rule, which would set the HFC production and consumption baseline levels from which reductions will be made, establish an initial methodology for allocating HFC allowances for 2022 and 2023, and create a robust and innovative compliance and enforcement system.

Companies that produce, import, export, destroy, or use HFCs in equipment may be interested in submitting data or commenting. More information on HFCs and the proposed rule can be found [here](#). The public comment period for the proposal will be open for 45 days after publication in the Federal Register.

ITEP's Climate Change Adaptation Training Courses registration is online!
[Learn more about the courses and register here.](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

EPA's Diesel Emissions Reduction Act's Tribal Grants for FY21

Request for Applications now open! More information can be found on this [flyer](#) and on [this website](#). EPA's 2021 Tribal and Insular Area grant program is now open. EPA anticipates awarding approximately \$5 million in DERA funding under this announcement. A total of \$4.5 million will be made available to tribal governments (or intertribal consortia) and Alaska Native villages, and \$500,000 will be made available to insular area governments. EPA anticipates awarding five to ten cooperative agreements to tribal governments (or intertribal consortia) and Alaska Native villages and two to four cooperative agreements to insular area governments. Click [here](#) for more information.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in the process of conducting a residual risk and technology review of the 2002 National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Major Source Primary Copper Smelting and a technology review of the 2007 Primary Copper Smelting Area Sources NESHAP.

After EPA publishes the rules in the *Federal Register*, EPA plans to accept comment on these proposals for at least 45 days after publication in the *Federal Register*. Interested parties can download additional information and a copy of the proposed rules (when they are officially issued by EPA) from EPA's website at the following addresses: <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/primary-copper-smelting-area-sources-national-emissions-standards> and <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/primary-copper-smelting->

[national-emissions-standards-hazardous-air](#). The proposed rules and other background information will also be available either electronically at <https://www.regulations.gov/>, EPA's electronic public docket and comment system. Materials for the proposed actions can be accessed using Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2020-0430. For further technical information about the rule, contact Tonisha Dawson, EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, at (919) 541-1454 or dawson.tonisha@epa.gov.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) is initiating consultation and coordination with federally-recognized tribes regarding development of proposed actions under section 6(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to address the unreasonable risks that EPA has determined are presented by n-methylpyrrolidone (NMP) under its conditions of use.

This consultation and coordination process will be conducted in accordance with the [EPA Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes](#). EPA invites you and/or your designated consultation representative(s) to participate in this process. OCSPP's anticipated timeline for the consultation and coordination period is expected to extend from May 24 to August 27, 2021. During this period, two identical consultation sessions will be conducted. To participate, OCSPP invites you and/or your designee to join us during one or more of the following consultation sessions:

- **Monday, June 14, 2021, Tribal Consultation 1** – Technical Briefing and Comment Period from 1:00-3:30pm (ET) Conference Line: (833) 760-4028; Conference ID: 5076307 [Adobe Connect Link](#).
- **Wednesday, July 14, 2021, Tribal Consultation 2** – Technical Briefing and Comment Period from 1:00-3:30pm (ET) Conference Line: (833) 760-4028; Conference ID: 7686356 [Adobe Connect Link](#).

To learn more about the rulemaking for NMP, visit this [link](#).

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) is initiating consultation and coordination with federally-recognized tribes regarding development of proposed actions under section 6(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to address unreasonable risks to health or the environment identified in the risk evaluations for Asbestos Part 1: Chrysotile Asbestos (chrysotile asbestos) and Colour Index Pigment Violet 29 (PV29). EPA is initiating these actions for chrysotile asbestos and PV29 so that they no longer present an unreasonable risk.

This consultation and coordination process will be conducted in accordance with the [EPA Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes](#). EPA invites you and/or your designated consultation representative(s) to participate in this

process. OCSPP's anticipated timeline for the consultation and coordination period for Asbestos, Part 1: Chrysotile Asbestos and PV29 is expected to extend from May 10 to August 13, 2021.

- **Thursday, June 3, 2021 Tribal Consultation, Part 2** – Technical Briefing and Comment Period from 1:00-3:30 pm (ET)
Conference Line: (833) 760-4028; Conference ID: 3279306
[Adobe Connect Link](#)

Green Transportation Summit & Expo

August 16-18, 2021 Tacoma, Washington / [Registration](#)

The 10th annual Green Transportation Summit & Expo (GTSE) is the region's premier clean transportation convening event. There has not been a time when clean transportation has had as much potential. With this year's theme of Reflecting + Refocusing on a Resilient Future, we are giving particular attention to recent events affecting our communities and livelihood. We will be creating space to ensure these critical topics are addressed. **All Tribes can get a 20% discount, contact Dara.Marks-Marino@nau.edu for the code!**

Office of Pesticide Program Update: EPA Opens Comment Period on Draft Biological Opinion on Malathion, Closes June 19, 2021

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking public comment on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) [draft biological opinion for the registration of malathion](#), an insecticide that is commonly used to control mosquitoes and a variety of insects that attack fruits, vegetables, landscaping plants, and shrubs. The draft biological opinion evaluates whether use of malathion is likely to jeopardize federally threatened and endangered species or destroy or adversely modify their critical habitats.

In January 2017, EPA released the [biological evaluation for malathion](#), which found potential effects on threatened and endangered species and their designated critical habitats. Because the biological evaluation for malathion made "likely to adversely affect" determinations to some threatened and endangered species and their designated critical habitats, EPA has been consulting with FWS to ensure the registration of malathion is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of these species or adversely modify their critical habitats. The public comment period will be open for 60 days and will close on June 19, 2021. The draft biological opinion is included in docket EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0231 at www.regulations.gov.

The recent additions to OTAQ's website in April 2021. [*You can access these additions as well as new press releases and Federal Register notices related to OTAQ on our website.*](#)

- April 30, 2021: [EPA announces \\$5 million in grants available for tribes and insular areas to replace diesel equipment and reduce harmful emissions.](#)
- April 26, 2021: [EPA reconsiders a previous withdrawal of a waiver for California's advanced clean car program \(light-duty vehicle greenhouse gas emission standards and zero emission vehicle requirements\).](#)
- April 23, 2021: [EPA publishes a new case study on Providence Pilot Community-Port Collaboration Project.](#)
- April 20, 2021: [EPA awards \\$10.5 million to clean up 473 school buses in 40 states.](#)
- April 1, 2021: [EPA releases a new case study on groundbreaking Clean Air Action Plan \(CAAP\) for California San Pedro Bay Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.](#)

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Indoor Air Quality

NEW! Webinar – Developing a Tribal Indoor Air Program

Wednesday, June 2; 11am PDT | [Register Here](#)

Improved Indoor Air Quality can result in better health outcomes for your community. Do you have community members with asthma? Do you have elders or young children in your community? Are you aware that Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) is generally more polluted than outdoor air? IAQ is a voluntary program, with limited regulations, statutes or standards, therefore, education and outreach are key to improving indoor environments and environmental health

NEW! Navigating the Landscape of Air Cleaning Technologies for COVID-19

Wednesday, June 16; 1-3pm EDT | [Register Here](#)

The global COVID-19 pandemic has prompted widespread demand for air cleaning technologies aimed at reducing risks of airborne infectious disease transmission inside buildings. Along with increased ventilation, portable and in-duct air cleaners are increasingly being recommended as part of a layered approach to reduce exposures to SARS-CoV-2 in airborne particles. In this webinar we will help navigate the landscape of commercially available air cleaning technologies, provide insight on how to interpret air cleaner test reports, and provide recommendations and tools for selection, evaluation, and sizing of portable and in-duct air cleaners.

The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) and the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (AARST) Foundation Webinar Series:

- Radon and Citizen Science: Public Engagement to Increase Education and Outreach – *June 22, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST*
- National Radon Action Month: Best Practices for State and Tribal Radon Programs – *July 22, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST*
- The sixth webinar on a trending topic to be announced will be scheduled for the month of August – *stay tuned*

National Asthma Awareness Month—Join the EPA Indoor airPLUS Program in celebrating [National Asthma Awareness Month](#).

Asthma is a serious, sometimes life-threatening chronic respiratory disease that affects the quality of life for more than 25 million Americans, including an estimated 5 million children. Although there is no cure for asthma yet, asthma can be controlled in part through management of the indoor environment.

[Indoor airPLUS](#) is a voluntary partnership and labeling program that helps new home builders improve the quality of indoor air by requiring construction practices and product specifications that minimize exposure to airborne pollutants including environmental asthma triggers. Search for a local Indoor airPLUS builder on EPA's [Partner Locator](#), and ask for the EPA Indoor airPLUS label on your new home! Join us this month to raise awareness of ways to manage #asthma triggers! Follow [@EPAiplus](#) on Twitter or connect with [EPA Indoor airPLUS](#) on Facebook to hear about how Indoor airPLUS partners help America #BreatheEasyWithIAP!

How Indoor airPLUS Homes Help Reduce the Occurrence of Asthma Triggers in the Home

Here are ways an Indoor airPLUS home can help reduce [asthma triggers](#) in the home.

Be sure to subscribe to [CodeTalk](#), HUD's Office of Native American Programs newsletter, for webinars and opportunities!

RESOURCES & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Now Hiring!

2021 Upward Bound Math & Science Instructors

The Upward Bound Math & Science program at Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona, is looking to hire (4) Summer Instructors.

If possible, our program would appreciate our announcement being shared with others. Our student population is mostly Navajo/Dine (Native American), Hopi (Native American), and Latinx. The majority of our students live in the Northern Arizona region, mostly tribal reservation lands which are very rural. More info can be found [here](#).

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Virtual Air Quality Fellowship program through May 21, 2021. This fellowship is a vital component of DOS and EPA's collaborative efforts to improve access to, and application of, continuous air quality data worldwide. The fellowship is open to air quality experts from universities, government agencies, or non-profit institutions. Applicants must be U.S. citizens. [Media Note announcing the opening of applications](#). Application [Page](#).

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions to Stephanie Christel, Eco-Management Analyst, Greening Diplomacy Initiative
Office of Management Strategy & Solutions
U.S. Department of State (o) 202-485-1624 (m) 516-835-1666

Native Land Trust Council Seeking Executive Director

The Executive Director (ED) works full-time (40-hours per week) remotely from their home office. In addition to fundraising, the Executive Director will develop and maintain the NLTC's program management, administration, financial reporting, as well as strengthen new and existing community partnerships in support of the NLTC's mission. [Apply Here](#)

Compensation: \$80K – \$90K per year initially, working as a 40 hr/wk independent contractor.

To Apply: Please submit a cover letter, resume, and at least three references, via email, to ckramernltc@gmail.com.

Deadline: Open until filled.

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Application Period Open for Department of State and EPA Virtual Air Quality Fellowship

In honor of Air Quality Awareness Week (May 3-7), applications are now being accepted for the U.S. Department of State (DOS) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Virtual Air Quality Fellowship program through May 21, 2021. This fellowship is a vital component of DOS and EPA's collaborative efforts to improve access to, and application of, continuous air quality data worldwide. The fellowship is open to air quality experts from universities, government agencies, or non-profit institutions. Applicants must be U.S. citizens.

[Click here](#) for more information. Email Stephanie Christel at public_outreach_tribes@lists.4cleanair.org for more information.

Emergency Broadband Benefit Program Accepting Applications

The Federal Communications Commission just launched a temporary program to help families and households struggling to afford Internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. Starting May 12, the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) will provide a discount of up to \$50 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers. Eligible households can enroll through a participating broadband provider or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company using an online or mail-in application. You can learn more about the EBB program, including eligibility and enrollment information, by following the links below or calling (833) 511-0311.

- [Read the news release](#)
- [EBB website https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit)
- GetEmergencyBroadband.org
- [EBB FAQ sheet](#)
- [Step-by-step instructions for applicants \(PDF\)](#)
- [City of Tucson website summary of EBB program](#)

First Nations Development Institute grant opportunity

With the generous support of the Indigenous Peoples Fund at Tides Foundation, First Nations will establish a Gather Food Sovereignty Grant that will support work contributing to building a national movement that will fulfill a vision of Native communities and food systems that are self-directed, well-resourced and supported by community policies and systems. This opportunity is targeting emerging projects that focus on developing Tribal Food Sovereignty. Through the first round of the Gather Food Sovereignty Grant, First Nations expects to award up to 13 grant awards of approximately \$32,000 to support Native American-led food sovereignty work. *The grant period for this funding opportunity will commence March 1, 2021, and end February 28, 2022.* Application on the [Gather Food Sovereignty Grant site](#).

Assistant Secretary Sweeney Announces \$3 Million Living Languages Grant Program Funding Opportunity

Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Tara Mac Lean Sweeney announced today that the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) is soliciting applications to the Living Languages Grant Program (LLGP). This \$3 Million

grant program will fund between 15 and 60 grants, ranging from \$25,000-\$200,000, to federally recognized American Indian tribes and Alaska Native entities to document, preserve and revitalize Native languages and build active speaker capacity. IEED's solicitation for LLGP funding and details on how to apply can be found in the [Federal Register](#) and at [Grants.Gov](#).

To view and/or receive ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program newsletter, [Native Voices, click here!](#)

Climate Change/Energy

On-Request Technical Assistance from DOE Office of Indian Energy

Applications Due: Not Applicable

Eligible Entities: tribal governments

The DOE Office of Indian Energy provides federally recognized Indian tribes, including Alaska Native villages, tribal energy resource development organizations, and other organized tribal groups and communities, with technical assistance to advance tribal energy projects at no cost. Technical experts from DOE and its national laboratories, along with other partnering organizations, provide support to assist Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages with energy planning, housing and building energy efficiency, project development, policy and regulation, resilience, and village power.

Join NCAI's [Climate Action email](#) listserv here!

Sign up for the [Alliance for Green Heat](#)'s newsletter!

To view and/or receive [ITEP's Climate Change newsletter, click here!](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

NEW! HUD's FY2021 Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program NOFO

Click [here](#) to visit the website. Here is some key information:

- \$356.8 million is available including \$45 million in Healthy Homes Supplemental funding
- HUD expects to make approximately 80 awards from the funds available under the NOFO
- Informational webinars on the NOFO are forthcoming
- 42-month project period (08/30/2021 to 03/03/2025)
- **Applications close July 12, 2021**

You can find more information on [HUD's website here](#) and in the attached NOFO/Appendices. Please stay tuned for upcoming informational webinars on the NOFO. Any questions regarding the NOFO should be directed to Yolanda Brown, Lead and Healthy Homes Program Division Director Yolanda.A.Brown@hud.gov

EPA's Diesel Emissions Reduction Act's Tribal Grants for FY21 Request for Applications are coming soon! More information can be found [on this flyer](#) and [on this website](#).

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Indoor Air Quality

Resource for Healthy Indoor Air Quality

Check out the website <https://forhealth.org/> for many resources related to healthy homes and indoor air quality!

The Tribal Healthy Homes Network (THHN) has a webpage dedicated to [Funding Opportunities](#)! Additionally, THHN has developed a [Funding Guide for American Indian and Alaska Native Communities](#).

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