

## **UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES**

### ***Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes***

#### **NEW! Addressing Air Quality in Tribal Communities (for Beginners)**

*August 10-12; 9am – 2pm PDT, 12pm – 5pm EDT* / Course capped at 12 participants | [Register Here](#)

Deadline: The application is due on **Wednesday, July 28, 2021**.

Learning objective:

At the end of the event, participants will articulate their community's main ambient (outdoor) air quality concerns and identify the resources (e.g., documents, contacts, training) needed to begin addressing air quality issues in their community.

Who should participate: This workshop is for environmental professionals who are just beginning to address ambient air quality issues in tribal communities. No prior knowledge or background in air quality is needed.

**EPA's air quality training program is released three new training materials! These materials are foundational in level, and are being offered to tribal, state, and local air agencies in an e-learning format through our learning management system (LMS).**

The materials include:

- A course that explains the purpose of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) within the air quality management process.
- A module that explains each of the six criteria pollutants under the Clean Air Act. This module represents “micro-learning”— a short, focused bit of training on a particular topic.
- A module that explains what air toxics are. Similar to the criteria pollutants module, this module represents “micro-learning.”

To access the course and modules on the LMS (<https://epaapti.csod.com>), please register (if you haven't already!), then log in and refer to the “What's New” section on the home page.

**The EPA is initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized tribes regarding a memorandum to clarify the application of regulations under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) to address organic air emissions from equipment and/or closure devices on certain hazardous waste units.**

Additional information can be found in the enclosed document, as well as on EPA's [Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System](#). EPA plans to accept public comments on the memorandum for 60 days beginning in July 2021. The specific dates for the submittal of public comments and the informational materials

will be available on EPA's Hazardous Waste Permitting [website](#). Tribes are encouraged to submit comments in writing during the public comment period by email at [RCRApost@epa.gov](mailto:RCRApost@epa.gov). All written comments must be received no later than 60 days after the start of the public comment period. This consultation process for the memorandum will be conducted in accordance with the [EPA Policy on Consultation and Coordination](#) with Indian Tribes. However, EPA does not expect that the memorandum will have tribal implications, as specified in Executive Order 13175. If you would like to accept this offer of consultation, please contact Lilybeth Colón at (703) 308-2392 or at [colon.lilybeth@epa.gov](mailto:colon.lilybeth@epa.gov). **The deadline to request formal consultation is July 16, 2021.**

### 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](mailto: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.

<b>Indoor Air Quality Work Group:</b> Join this work group every other month to help support IAQ work throughout Indian Country.	Thursday, July 15, 2pm ET
<b>Wood Smoke Work Group:</b> Join this work group every other month to address wood smoke issues in Indian Country.	Thursday, July 22, 1pm ET
<b>EPA Policy Call:</b> Call in to hear updates from EPA on policies, actions, and tools relevant to Indian Country and Air Quality.	Thursday, July 29, 2pm ET
<b>Mobile Sources Work Group:</b> This monthly work group addresses all mobile source pollution issues.	Thursday, August 5, 2pm 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](#)

#### **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](#). You are invited to participate in two upcoming webinars on the resource:

- 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](#).

**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. 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](#) and this [website](#). The proposed rules and other background information will also be available either electronically [here](#), 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](mailto:dawson.tonisha@epa.gov).

**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](mailto:Dara.Marks-Marino@nau.edu) for the code!**

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

- June 8, 2021: [EPA releases the annual Fast Facts document that provides information about U.S. transportation sector greenhouse gas emissions \(1990-2019\).](#)

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## ***Indoor Air Quality***

**Please join a free webinar to learn about and provide input into EPA's Tribal Indoor Air Quality Training and Resource Directory on Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm ET.**

The Directory was created to consolidate helpful resources for tribes who are interested in starting or expanding Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) programs in their communities. The purpose of this webinar is to share this new resource and obtain feedback from future and potential users of this Directory. The Directory is being created by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in collaboration with the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and the National Tribal Air Association (NTAA). [Register here](#) and if you have questions, contact [mansel.nelson@nau.edu](mailto:mansel.nelson@nau.edu).

### **Join ITEP's Free Webinar – Healthy Schools – ReOpening Schools**

*Thursday, July 8, 2021 at 11:00 AM PDT / [Register here](#)*

Many Kindergarten through 12th grade (K-12) schools in the United States do not have good ventilation. This is a longstanding problem with demonstrably negative effects on student learning. Along with other mitigation measures, improvements in ventilation in K-12 schools can decrease the risk of SARS-CoV-2 spread.

Presented by Paula Olsiewski, John Hopkins Center for Health Security, John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, a pioneering leader in policy and scientific research programs in the microbiology and chemistry of indoor environments. The webinar will review the findings of a recent [report](#) that considers the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on children, families, and educators and summarizes current ventilation guidelines. If you have questions, contact [mansel.nelson@nau.edu](mailto:mansel.nelson@nau.edu)

### **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.

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