



NTAA Weekly Update

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PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

AP - [Dwindling Alaska salmon leave Yukon River tribes in crisis](#)



In this undated photo provided by the Tanana Chiefs Conference, salmon hangs on a drying rack at a fish camp in Fort Yukon, Alaska. (Rachel Saylor/Tanana Chiefs Conference via AP)

TOP STORIES

The National Tribal Air Association invites you to participate in a [baseline needs assessment](#) of Tribal air quality needs, issues, and priorities. All Tribes are encouraged to submit their survey.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

1. ***What's the Purpose of the Survey?*** The information you provide will enable NTAA to [comprehensively describe Tribal ambient and indoor air quality needs](#). This information will then be used to identify the range of Tribal air quality needs and priorities and build Tribal air quality management capacity.
2. ***Is it Voluntary?*** Yes! Your participation in this survey is [voluntary](#) and you are free to decline to answer any question you do not wish to answer.
3. ***How Long Will It Take?*** The survey will take between 15 – 20 minutes to complete.
4. ***Is There an Incentive?*** Actually yes! The [first 50 respondents to submit a completed survey will receive a \\$10 Starbucks or \\$10 Amazon gift card](#). *(This is made possible through the donation of an NTAA non-profit partner, not federal funds.)*

5. ***What if My Internet is Connection is Poor?*** We are [happy to conduct the survey with you by telephone](#). If you would like to take the survey by phone, please email Sydney Janssen at sjanssen@thhnw.org to set up a time, or call 800-717-2118, Ext. 105
6. ***What if I am Not Familiar to Air Quality?*** If you would like to familiarize yourself with air quality funding sources and concepts mentioned in the survey, please review the [glossary PDF](#).
7. ***When Does the Survey Close?*** The survey closes on **Friday, October 29th** at 5:00pm Pacific Standard Time.

TO BEGIN THE SURVEY, CLICK [HERE](#). (If the link does not automatically open, please cut and paste this link into your browser: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6420470/NTAA-Baseline-Needs-Assessment>). You can also find the survey on [NTAA's website here](#).

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

E&E News - [EPA strategic plan touts climate, environmental justice goals](#)

E&E News – [Top EPA Air Appointee Offloaded Oil Stocks](#)

CNN - [EPA moves to block controversial mine that threatened salmon habitat in Alaska](#)

The Hill - [White House proposes reversing parts of Trump rewrite of bedrock environmental law implementation \(NEPA\)](#)

NY Times - [In Arizona, Drought Ignites Tensions and Threatens Traditions Among the Hopi](#)

To' Nizhoni Ani - [Diné Residents of Black Mesa tell why they support Build Back Better Plan](#)

Grist - [Here's how Congress could hold the EPA accountable for its 'dereliction of duty'](#)

The Wall Street Journal - [The Colorado River Is in Crisis. The Walton Family Is Pushing a Solution.](#)

Environmental Health News - [We're miscalculating the cancer risk from a massive class of chemicals: MIT Study](#)

Andover Technology Partners - [Analysis of PM and Hg Emissions and Controls from Coal-Fired Power Plants](#)

Here's your link to this week's NACAA [Washington Update](#).

Climate Change/Energy

Time - [Climate Pressure Mounts for Biden As a Major Conference Looms](#)

Climate Signals – [Arctic Amplification: The Arctic is warming twice to three times as fast as the rest of the planet due to sea ice loss—a phenomenon known as Arctic amplification](#)

Bloomberg Green - [The Cheap and Easy Climate Fix That Can Cool the Planet Fast](#)

Grist - [Study: The rich can spur climate action — or uphold the status quo](#)

AP - [Physics Nobel rewards work on climate change, other forces](#)

The Guardian - [Giant sequoias and fire have coexisted for centuries. Climate crisis is upping the stakes](#)

The Hill - [Warming Arctic could spread nuclear waste, unknown viruses: report](#)

NPR – [Pushed to the edge, tribe members in coastal Louisiana wonder where to go after Ida](#)

TIME - [U.S. Fishermen Are Making Their Last Stand Against Offshore Wind](#)

The Hill – [Greenpeace ad asks if climate change is racist](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

EPA - [EPA Announces \\$4.5 Million in Grants Available for Tribes to Replace Diesel Equipment and Reduce Harmful Emissions](#)

NPR - [5 Midwestern governors agree to create a network to charge electric vehicles](#)

Washington Post - [GM sets earlier deadline for all-renewable energy](#)

The Hill - [Five things to know about the California oil spill](#)

The Hill - [Plastics company agrees to \\$23M settlement in drinking water pollution case](#)

Reuters - [Explainer: What's behind the wild surges in global LNG prices and the risks ahead](#)

Gizmodo – [Oil Starts Flowing Through Line 3 on Friday, But Water Protectors Will Keep Fighting It](#)

Reuters - [Energy lawsuits pact seen threatening Paris climate deal](#)

Earther - [The ABCs of Big Oil: The Fossil Fuel Industry's Century-Long Quest to Invade Elementary Schools](#)

E&E - [How Dems' clean electricity plan hits nuclear, gas, FERC](#)

ABC15 Arizona - [Southwest Gas releases data on frequency of Driscopipe 8000 leaks](#)

Indoor Air Quality

New York Times - [Is Bad Indoor Air Dulling Your Brain?](#)

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

UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Join the White Mesa Concerned Community and partners for a virtual conference to learn more and take action to protect the Ute community from toxic and radioactive waste at the White Mesa Mill in southeastern Utah, a mile from #BearsEars National Monument.

Thursday, October 7 at 5 p.m. MDT: Traditional Knowledge and Protecting Cultural Landscapes

Friday, October 8 at 10:30 a.m. MDT: The Struggle to Protect Current and Future Generations from the White Mesa Uranium Mill

Friday, October 8 at 1 p.m. MDT: Indigenous Communities Impacted by Uranium in the U.S.

Visit www.grandcanyontrust.org/environmental-justice-white-mesa-online-conference for more information and Zoom link to join.

You are invited for Part 3 of the INHABITANTS screening & webinar series, featuring Ervin Carlson from the Blackfeet Nation to learn about the history and resilience of the Blackfeet buffalo restoration program. For more information and to register, visit the INHABITANTS website: <https://www.inhabitantsfilm.com/>

Applications for EPA's Clean Air Excellence Awards are Now Being Accepted!

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is now accepting applications for the 2022 Clean Air Excellence Awards Program. Through this program, EPA recognizes and honors individuals and organizations whose efforts have helped to make progress in achieving cleaner air. The award recipients are selected for developing innovative, replicable, and sustainable programs; serving as pioneers in their fields; and improving air quality either directly or indirectly through reduced emissions of criteria pollutants, hazardous air pollutants, and/or greenhouse gases.

The five award categories are:

1. Clean Air Technology
2. Community Action
3. Education/Outreach
4. State/Tribal/Local Air Quality Policy Innovations
5. Transportation Efficiency Innovations.

The award application and more information are available [here](#). Applications must be emailed or postmarked by Tuesday, November 30, 2021. Applicants are strongly encouraged to send their entries electronically to [OAR Clean Air Excellence Awards@epa.gov](mailto:OAR_Clean_Air_Excellence_Awards@epa.gov).

EPA releases new report on Climate Change and Social Vulnerability in the United States: A Focus on Six Impacts

EPA's new report quantifies the degree to which four socially vulnerable populations— defined based on income, educational attainment, race and ethnicity, and age—may be more exposed to the highest impacts of climate change. The report quantifies six types of impacts: air quality and health, extreme temperature and health, extreme temperature and labor, coastal flooding and traffic, coastal flooding and property, and inland flooding and property. [Access the report](#). To [download the report's findings](#) related to the disproportionate risks of climate change to American Indian and Alaska Natives. To find more information about climate change: <https://www.epa.gov/climate-change>

AQSync: Calibration Station for Sensor-Based Mobile Monitoring

October 6; 10:00am – 10:30am PT / [Register Here](#)

With the explosion of sensor use for air monitoring, the eternal question on everyone's mind is "what about calibration"? Sensor calibration can pose a daunting task for communities without access to a regulatory site. In this webinar we introduce the new AQSync by 2B Technologies. The AQSync represents an exciting evolution in air monitoring by combining miniaturized FEM and near-FEM instruments in a weatherproof enclosure. In this webinar we will explore some of the current applications of the AQSync, including drive-by calibrations of mobile sensors. Lastly, we will share information on the effort underway to use AQSyncs placed at schools as the hub of community monitoring and air pollution mapping efforts

Fourth National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy Workshop, Virtual Event

October 4 – 8, 2021 / [Register Here](#)

The 4th National Cohesive Strategy Workshop will center on this theme and focus sharply on understanding, co-managing, transferring, and accepting risk at federal, state, Tribal and local stakeholder levels to prioritize and invest in decisions, projects and other efforts that result in widespread reduction in risk across landscapes, and communities, the public and firefighters collectively.

Since the inception of The National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy, we have learned that there are multiple “hard truths” of living with fire that must be accepted in order to make meaningful progress towards the three national goals of *Resilient Landscapes, Fire Adapted Communities and a Safe, Effective, Risk-Based Wildfire Response*.

NEW! The Tribal Air Monitoring Support (TAMS) Center is announcing a call for nominations for an open position on the TAMS Steering Committee.

This position will complete a term that was recently vacated. This term will end in September 2024. The Nomination Form can be found on the TAMS website link below. The deadline to submit a nomination is November 1., 2021. Please contact the TAMS Center ITEP Program Manager or EPA Codirector for any questions. [Click here for more information!](#)

NEW! Host Sites Needed For Summer Internship Program

The Institute for Tribal Environmental at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona is seeking air quality focused offices and programs to host a college student for an 8-week summer internship. Tribal environmental offices, EPA offices, and other tribal environmental organizations are encouraged to apply.

The interns will be highly motivated undergraduate or graduate students majoring in environmental or related careers from different colleges and universities nationwide. ITEP provides each student intern with a \$4,800 stipend, and housing and travel allowances for interns that relocate. The host site provides a work-place and supervision for the intern. Some internships may be virtual. You are welcome to submit applications for both virtual projects and in-person projects.

The projects MUST focus on addressing air quality issues in tribal communities.

Submit an application online [here](#)

Deadline: **Apply by December 3, 2021**

NTAA Upcoming Calls

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. Attend by clicking here.	Thursday, October 7, 2pm ET
Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Join this work group every other month to help support IAQ work throughout Indian Country. Attend by clicking here.	Thursday, October 21, 2pm ET
EPA Policy Call: Call in to hear updates from EPA on policies, actions, and tools relevant to Indian Country and Air Quality. Attend by clicking here.	Thursday, October 28, 2pm ET
Wood Smoke Work Group: Join this work group every other month to address wood smoke issues in Indian Country. Attend by clicking here.	Thursday, November 18, 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.

NEW! ITEP's Latest Course: Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants

Course Dates: November 15-19, 2021

Course Times: 11:30pm-3pm ET (1.5 hour session, 30 minute break, 1.5 hour session)

Application Due Date: Wednesday, October 27, 2021.

Apply Now: <https://forms.gle/UJG885eKyh6r4fak6>

Course Description: This virtual course is designed for environmental professionals who are responsible for managing tribal air programs and grants. Participants will engage with other participants, instructors, and guest speakers from EPA. This one-week virtual course will have daily presentations, discussions, and group work addressing the uniqueness of tribal air program management. The course will be held via zoom for 3.5 hours per day, see above for course times and dates.

Topics Include:

- The Clean Air Act (CAA) and the Tribal Authority Rule (TAR)
- Elements in a typical tribal air program
- Work plan and budget
- Grant submission, management, and reporting
- Tribal case study
- Discussion with Tribal Air Coordinators and Project Officers

Required Pre-Course Webinars:

Selected participants must watch **three pre-course webinars**. The webinars are part of the course and must be completed to attend the virtual class. Selected participants will need to complete the pre-course assignment by Wednesday, November 10, 2021. If you have questions please contact Christal Black, Assistant Manager, ITEP at Christal.Black@nau.edu, or phone 928-523-8410.

Apply Now: <https://forms.gle/UJG885eKyh6r4fak6>

[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

NEW! The Department of the Interior (DOI) is excited to announce an upcoming virtual listening session focused on climate change and Tribal youth. Information and registration for this listening session may be found on the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Tribal Climate Resilience (TCR) web page: <https://www.bia.gov/guide/tribal-climate-listening-sessions>

This listening session is open to Tribal middle school, high school, and college students. This is an opportunity to voice your concerns, priorities, and experience to help shape policies and programs that promote and advance Tribal climate resilience.

NEW! Tribal Community-scale Solar Solutions for Climate & Community Resilience

Monday, October 18; 9:30 – Noon / RSVP by sending an email to jganion@bluelakerancheria-nsn.gov

Who (would find it useful to attend): Tribal government leaders, Tribal staff, Tribal community members, Tribal businesses in energy, all those managing or building solar and related systems (i.e., telecom, microgrids, tribal utility authorities) on tribal lands.

Why: For tribal nations seeking to build - or expand - solar energy development within their nations at the community, facility, and/or residential scale, join this lively dialogue-based workshop with experts and practitioners and opportunities for one-on-one follow-up consulting.

2021 Tribal Energy Webinar Series: Energy Projects and Workforce Development: A Win-Win Opportunity: October 27

Energy projects are often labor-intensive during construction—and once they are complete, local capability is needed to operate and maintain those energy systems. Tribes who develop a local workforce in conjunction with developing projects can realize improved project economics while creating local jobs and skilled labor. This webinar will explore this win-win opportunity. [Register now.](#)

US EPA Announces Upcoming Climate and Energy Webinars for State, Local, and Tribal Governments

The US EPA announces there will be many webinars on climate and energy topics offered by federal agencies and others during the month of October. All webinars are free of charge, but space may be limited or require registration in advance. For

more information subscribe to the [US EPA's State and Local Energy Newsletter](#).

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

Toxics/Mobile Sources

NEW! EPA's 2021 School Bus Rebates Applications Being Accepted Two Separate School Bus Rebate Programs Deadline to Apply - November 5 (4:00 p.m. ET).

EPA is excited to announce two funding opportunities for school bus fleets that serve public schools: the 2021 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Electric School Bus Rebates, and the 2021 DERA School Bus Rebate Program. EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is accepting applications nationwide for rebates to assist in replacing older, dirtier diesel school buses with new school buses. Please take a look at the descriptions below to learn more about each opportunity and visit the new [2021 ARP Electric School Bus Rebates website](#) for a table showing the differences between the two rebate programs. 2021 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Electric School Bus Rebates for Underserved School Districts

The newest program is the [2021 American Rescue Plan \(ARP\) Electric School Bus Rebates](#). This \$7 million program exclusively funds the replacement of old diesel school buses with new electric school buses for underserved school districts, tribal schools, and private fleets serving those schools. A list of eligible school districts is available on the 2021 ARP Electric School Bus Rebates website. Please check the list to see if you qualify for this new funding opportunity. This new program will offer \$300,000 per bus for up to four electric school bus replacements for eligible applicants selected in a lottery process.

2021 Tribal Energy Webinar Series: Building Electrification: Why and How: September 29

Hosted by the Office of Indian Energy, this webinar will explore building electrification to utilize electricity rather than fossil fuels for building heating and cooking applications. Doing so can improve indoor air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This webinar will explore this trending topic on the path to a clean energy future. [Register now](#).

Toxics in the Community: Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) for Local and Tribal Governments

October 6; 1-2:30pm EDT / [Register Here](#)

An ELI and LGEAN Co-Sponsored Public Webinar: The Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA) created the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) to inform the public about potentially hazardous materials in the community. In fact, two out of every three Americans live within three miles of facilities subject to the TRI, which covers over 800 individual chemicals and chemical categories. These substances often originate from manufacturing, mining and hazardous waste management sites and are known to cause significant adverse

harm to the environment and human health.

Join the Local Government Environmental Assistance Network (LGEAN), the Environmental Law Institute (ELI) and EPA to learn more about how local and tribal governments can best use the TRI to help protect community members' health and welfare. EPA experts will provide an overview of the TRI, explaining which local and tribal government facilities may be subject to reporting requirements and how officials can use the TRI and other EPA tools to respond to community concerns and trace chemical releases back to their sources.

Virtual National Radon Training Event

October 11 – 13, 2021 / [Register Here](#)

Building Technical Capacity (BTC) will not be offered for virtual training.

The American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (AARST) will still have their symposium in person. We will join them virtually on the joint day.

To register, view the agenda, and find more information please visit our [Radon Training Event Program Website](#)

Due to COVID related travel restrictions, we will not be meeting in Bethesda, MD. Our radon training is now completely virtual.

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

- August 5, 2021: [EPA proposes to revise the greenhouse gas \(GHG\) emissions standards for light-duty vehicles for 2023 and later model years to make the standards more stringent.](#)
- August 5, 2021: [EPA announces plans to reduce greenhouse gas \(GHG\) emissions and other harmful air pollutants from heavy-duty trucks through a series of rulemakings over the next three years.](#)

Indoor Air Quality

NEW! Improving Environmental Health in Schools White Paper

The authors of this white paper are environmental health academics who recognize the importance of in-school education. However, we also understand that infectious disease transmission in schools is an existential challenge affecting the health of local communities and ultimately, society at large. We have extensive experience implementing environmental improvements both before and during the current pandemic. We wish to persuade the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as the lead Agency for protecting human health and the environment, that now is the time to revive and expand their School Integrated Pest Management (SIPM) initiative to improve environmental health in schools and document the tangible benefits that follow.

Need Temporary Power? Use Caution with Portable Generators! Prevent Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

During power outages, portable generators can be used to help temporarily restore power to a few key appliances like refrigerators, lights and fans. Portable generators that use fuels such as gasoline, natural gas or kerosene are widely available. However, if they are not used correctly they can be hazardous because their exhaust contains deadly fumes, like carbon monoxide. Carbon monoxide is a toxic gas you cannot see or smell but could kill you in minutes.

Remember:

- **Do** use portable generators **outside** and far away from buildings.

- **Do not** use portable generators under any of the following conditions:
 - inside your house or garage
 - on balconies or near doors, vents or windows, and
 - near where anyone is sleeping.

For more information please visit EPA's websites on [Safely Provide Power for Lighting, Cooking and Heating During an Emergency](#) and [Carbon Monoxides' Impact on Indoor Air Quality](#)

U.S. Department of Education Encourages Use of American Rescue Plan Funds to Improve Ventilation and IAQ in Schools

Indoor air quality is critical to reopening schools safely and keeping them open. The U.S. Department of Education has released [new guidance](#) encouraging the use of American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds to improve ventilation systems and make other indoor air quality improvements in schools to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and tackle longstanding school ventilation improvement needs. The new Department of Education guidance highlights EPA resources to support investments in improved ventilation and indoor air quality. Use the following resources from EPA to supplement the information in the guidance:

- [Indoor Air and Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#): Visit this page for the latest guidance on best indoor air practices to limit the spread of COVID-19.
- [Ventilation and Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#): Ventilation is an important approach to lowering concentrations of indoor air pollutants, including viruses. Increase the ventilation in your school with outdoor air when possible.
- [Air Cleaners, HVAC filters, and Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#): Air cleaners and HVAC filters can help to reduce viruses and pollutants in the air. Consider upgrading the HVAC filters in your system and using safe, effective portable air cleaners to supplement HVAC filtration. *Note: Do not use air cleaners that intentionally generate ozone in occupied spaces.*
- [Implementing a Layered Approach to Address COVID-19 in Public Indoor Spaces](#): A layered risk reduction approach is best to limit airborne transmission of COVID-19 – learn how to combine increased ventilation and filtration with other [CDC recommendations](#), such as wearing masks and social distancing.

Wildfire Smoke and Indoor Air Quality

This summer, wildfires have spread across the U.S. creating devastation and dangerous smoke events affecting millions of American lives. If you are in need of immediate wildfire guidance, see EPA's [wildfire webpage](#) for more resources. Smoke from wildfires can adversely affect indoor air quality and put people's health at risk from exposure to particulate matter and other pollutants. Read on to learn more about:

- [How Indoor airPLUS Homes Protect Against the Harmful Effects of Wildfire Smoke](#)
- [Reduce Exposure to Wildfire Smoke Inside the Home](#)
- [Additional Resources](#)

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!

The Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Is hiring for an Air Quality Program Manager position with the Red Cliff Environmental Department. [Job posting and instructions can be found here.](#)

Sitting Bull College Meteorology and Atmospheric Science Instructor

This person will teach classes in Environmental Science at Sitting Bull College, especially in the area of Meteorology and Atmospheric Science. This person will mentor and advise students in the SBC Environmental Science degree programs. This person will help develop, maintain and promote the FIARE monitoring station, which is funded by NASA. FIARE will provide research opportunities for BS and MS students using data derived from FIARE. FIARE can be previewed at the Sitting Bull College website at www.sittingbull.edu/fiare.

Please submit: Completed Standing Rock Public Transportation application, official transcripts (please white out birth date and social security number), 3 current reference letters (1 from immediate supervisor), Certificate of Indian blood (please white out photo, birth date, social security number), and Veterans Status to: *Personnel Office Sitting Bull College 9299 HWY 24 Fort Yates, ND 58538 (701)854-8004*

The Santa Ana Pueblo's Department of Natural Resources is hiring an Environmental Education Outreach Coordinator. The position will increase the understanding of the ecosystems on the Santa Ana Pueblo and environmental stewardship of the Pueblo's lands by implementing all of the environmental education and outreach efforts for the Department of Natural Resources.

[You can apply here.](#)

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) is pleased to announce the availability of funding to support the hiring of Tribal Climate Resilience Liaisons in Alaska, the Northwest, and the Southwest through the BIA's Tribal Resilience Program (Program). Eligible applicants include tribal non-profit, non-governmental organizations and tribally-controlled colleges or universities (TCUs) that serve federally-recognized tribes. Other entities may participate as sub-grantees. The solicitation is available on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), and named [BIA-2021-TCRP](#).

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

Climate Change/Energy

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

2021 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Electric School Bus Rebates

EPA will fund \$7 million for electric school bus rebates in underserved communities. The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARP) appropriated funds to the EPA for “activities that identify and address disproportionate environmental or public health harms and risks in minority populations or low-income populations” under several programs, including the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA).

This program has not opened to accept applications. More details and supporting documents for this program will be posted on this page by the end of September.

Rebate Application Form and Supporting Documents

- [2021 ARP Electric School Bus Rebates Eligibility List \(pdf\)](#)
- 2021 ARP Electric School Bus Rebates Program Guide **Coming Soon**
- 2021 ARP Electric School Bus Rebates Application **Coming Soon**
- 2021 ARP Electric School Bus Rebates Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) **Coming Soon**

Eligible Applicants

1. Public school districts listed on the [ARP Electric School Bus Rebates Eligibility List](#)
 - a. Districts on the eligibility list are estimated to have 30% or more students living in poverty based on the [US Census Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates \(SAIPE\) School District Estimates for 2019](#).

States with zero school districts that make this cutoff will have one school district with the highest percent of students in poverty represented in the eligibility list.

2. Tribal schools
3. Private fleets that operate school buses under a contract with an eligible entity listed above

EPA Announces \$10 Million Available for States, Tribes, and Territories to Address Environmental Challenges

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing the availability of Multipurpose Grant (MPG) funding to support states, Tribes and territories in addressing high-priority environmental issues, including PFAS, environmental justice and climate change. For more information on eligibility, use of funding, process for award, and timelines, please reference the [Multipurpose Grant guidance](#).

Recent additions to OTAQ's website in August 2021

You can access these additions as well as new press releases and Federal Register notices related to OTAQ [on our website](#).

Indoor Air Quality

NEW! The Northeastern Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Center announces two funding opportunities through its grants programs, supported by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA-NIFA). Applications must be submitted online and are due by Thursday, November 11, 2021. An [Informational Webinar](#) about the RFA will be held on October 6, 2021, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

For more information on the application process and guidelines, and to download the application, visit the Northeastern IPM Center website at www.northeastipm.org or the IPM Partnership Grants Program page at www.northeastipm.org/rfa/partnership. For both programs, there is a 12-month time limit on funded projects, and the application deadline is November 11, 2021.

IPM Partnership Grants

Each year, the Center offers funding through its IPM Partnership Grants Program. Funded projects must foster the development and adoption of IPM, address or identify regional priorities, and benefit the northeastern region at large.

The program supports three project types:

- IPM Applied Research
- IPM Working Groups
- IPM Communications

Up to \$150,000 in total will be available for 2022, generally with a maximum of \$30,000 per award, although *Applied Research* projects that include an 1890 land-grant institution or Native American-affiliated organization may apply for up to \$40,000.

For more information or to apply for a Partnership Grant, visit neipmc.org/go/cnJQ.

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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