



# NTAA Weekly Update

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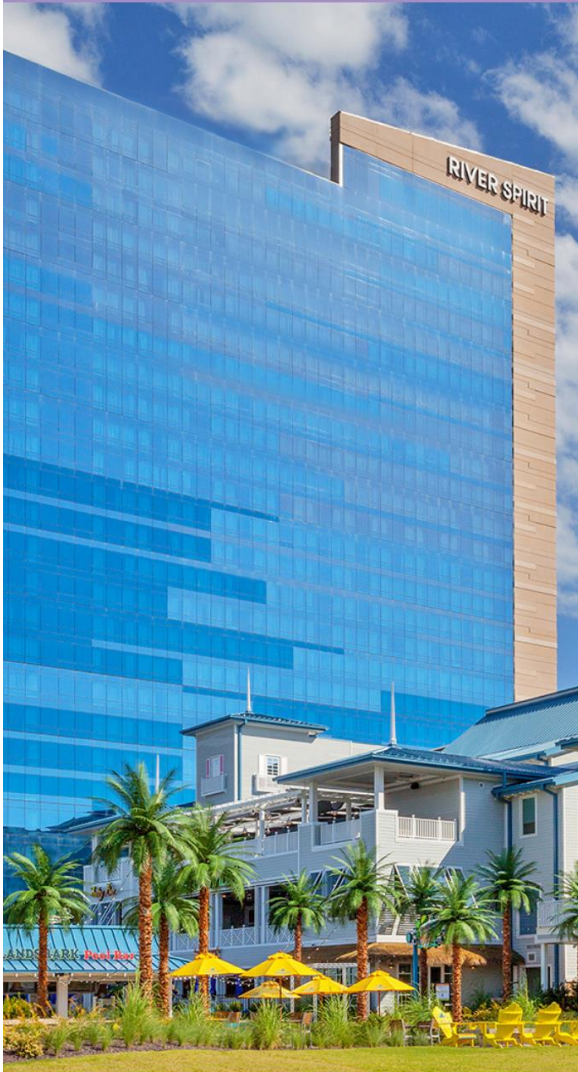
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# PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

Save the Date for the Upcoming 2022 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality!

## SAVE THE DATE!

MAY 2ND - 5TH, 2022  
TULSA, OK



22ND  
CONFERENCE

# National Tribal Forum on Air Quality

Hosted by the Muscogee Nation, a national conversation on how Tribes are implementing the Clean Air Act in partnership with the US EPA to improve air quality for our communities.

Take the pre-registration survey [here!](#)

- Tribal Professional Development
- Information-sharing
- Networking opportunities
- Current regulatory initiatives
- Technical information
- Share practical knowledge relevant to Tribal programs

[www.nau.edu/ntfaq](http://www.nau.edu/ntfaq)

The NTFAQ is a cooperative endeavor co-sponsored by the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and the National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) with funding made available by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the generous contributions of our sponsors.



For more information and to see previous NTFAQ Conference's, [please visit our website!](#)

## ***Top Stories***

### **NTAA Releases its [White Paper on Wood Heater Emission Pilot Project for Indian Country](#)**

This White Paper is based on an earlier proposal on Wood Heaters Emissions Reduction Act otherwise known as WHERA. The Act is no longer considered in this year's budget process even though much of Indian Country still rely on wood heaters as a main source for heating their homes. A pilot effort to support changeouts modeled after WHERA, would be appropriate to support and protect public health in Indian Country as well as to identify and resolve issues common with other areas in the country to support future changeout programs. The paper was developed by NTAA Policy Advisory Committee Member, Laura McKelvey. Discussion of this paper will be provided on [Thursday's WSWG call](#) at 2pm EST. Don't miss out!

### **You are invited to join a national training on EPA's draft methane rule being held by EPA's OAQPS on Wednesday, November 17, 2021.**

You can view the [agenda here](#). You can register for either day using the [November 17<sup>th</sup> registration link](#) and the [November 18<sup>th</sup> registration link](#). More information on EPA's training can be [found here](#).

NTAA will be hosting a 45-minute feedback breakout session as part of the training starting at 3:30 pm ET, so be sure to attend if you wish to share your feedback on EPA's proposed rule. NTAA will be sharing a quick summary of initial feedback on the rule as part of NTAA's policy analysis for Tribes. [You can view tomorrow's slide deck from NTAA here](#).

The EPA just recently posted their draft New Source Performance Standards Updates, Emissions Guidelines to Reduce Methane and Other Harmful Pollution from the Oil and Natural Gas Industry. EPA will be holding a public hearing on this draft rule on November 30 and December 1, 2021 to provide the public the opportunity to present comments and information on the Agency's [proposed New Source Performance Standards and Emissions Guidelines](#) for the oil and natural gas industry. The proposal would expand and strengthen emissions reduction requirements that are currently on the books for new, modified and reconstructed oil and natural gas sources, and would require states to reduce methane emissions from hundreds of thousands of existing sources nationwide for the first time. To register to speak at the hearing, please click the link: [Eventbrite/Oil and Gas Virtual Hearing](#)

- Dates of hearing: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 and Wednesday, December 1, 2020.
- Time: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern time both days. Registration closes November 24, 2021.

NTAA will provide opening remarks for an EPA Training on this draft methane rule today on November 17, 2021. you can view a [PDF of the slide show here](#). The NTAA Fact Sheet will be published soon as well as a NTAA template letter for Tribes

to use to comment. Finally, NTAA will submit a comment letter on the comment deadline.

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

White House Tribal Summit – [WH Tribal Fact Sheet](#)

White House Tribal Summit – [WH Tribal Nations Summit Progress Report](#)

US News – [Biden Signs \\$1T Infrastructure Bill](#)

E&E News - [States press EPA for environmental justice guidance](#)

Vox – [Animals need infrastructure, too](#)

Greenwire - [EPA to preserve Trump-era airplane emissions rule](#)

NY Times - [How Much Are Countries Pledging to Reduce Emissions?](#)

NPR - [New Delhi's air pollution is so bad, officials are calling for a citywide lockdown](#)

High Country News – [The nation’s last uranium mill plans to import Estonia’s radioactive waste](#)

Cronkite News - [Q&A: Navajo woman starts nonprofit to improve maternal health](#)

NY Times - [Biden to Bar New Drilling Around a Major Native American Cultural Site](#)

Here’s where you’ll find this week’s NACAA [Washington Update](#) !

## ***Climate Change/Energy***

NY Times – [6 takeaways from the U.N. Climate Conference.](#)

Democracy Now - [Walkout: Outraged by New COP26 Pact, Civil Society Holds People’s Plenary & Leaves Climate Summit](#)

Reuters - [How a dispute over coal nearly sank the Glasgow Climate Pact](#)

The Guardian - [‘The pressure for change is building’: reactions to the Glasgow climate pact](#)

NY Times - [Baby Born 19 Weeks Early Defies Long Odds and Astonishes Doctors](#)

Thomas Reuters Foundation News - [EXPLAINER: What did vulnerable countries fight for at the COP26 climate summit?](#)

Climatewire - [A coal plant fights to stay open. It could enrich Manchin](#)

## ***Toxics/Mobile Sources***

Grist - [Midwest tribes awarded \\$6.6 million to build their own EV charging network](#)

Electrek - [Congress passes \\$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill, \\$12,500 EV tax credit still awaits passage](#)

Forbes - [EV Incentive Hike Faces Tortuous Path Through Congress](#)

White House - [FACT SHEET: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Boosts Clean Energy Jobs, Strengthens Resilience, and Advances Environmental Justice](#)

NBC News - [Company maps minerals from the sky for electric vehicle batteries](#)

Oil Price - [U.S. Consumers To Foot The Bill For Surge In Natural Gas Exports, The World's Largest LNG Exporter](#)

Grist - [Natural gas company goes to great lengths to avoid saying the word 'pipeline'](#)

Utility Dive - [Global EV sales rise 80% in 2021, as automakers including Ford, GM commit to zero emissions: BNEF](#)

CNBC - ['Too risky' to not use both battery electric and hydrogen tech, Daimler Truck CEO says](#)

## ***Indoor Air Quality***

Air Quality News – [National Air Quality Conference: The Report](#)

ACHR News – [Experts Expect Interest in IAQ to Continue after COVID](#)

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

# UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES

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

### **NEW! EPA Announces Public Hearing on Proposal to Cut Methane and Other Pollution from the Oil and Natural Gas Industry**

[Register Here](#)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will hold a virtual public hearing on [the Agency's proposed comprehensive new protections](#) to sharply reduce pollution from the oil and natural gas industry – including, for the first time, methane reductions from existing sources nationwide. The proposed new Clean Air Act rule would lead to significant, cost-effective reductions in methane emissions and other health-harming air pollutants that endanger nearby communities.

#### **Hearing information:**

- **November 30, 2021** – 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern time.
- **December 1, 2021** – 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern time.

**NEW! On June 10, 2021, the EPA Administrator announced his decision to reconsider the December 2020 final decision to retain the particulate matter (PM) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).** The EPA released a draft Policy Assessment on October 8<sup>th</sup>. The Policy Assessment presents a staff analysis of the scientific evidence and technical information, along with preliminary conclusions on the current PM standards, for consideration by the Administrator prior to rulemaking. This follows the September 30<sup>th</sup> release of the draft Supplement to the Integrated Science Assessment. The draft Policy Assessment presents preliminary conclusions regarding the 24-hour and annual primary PM<sub>2.5</sub> standards, the primary 24-hour PM<sub>10</sub> standard, and the secondary 24-hour and annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> and 24-hour PM<sub>10</sub> standards. The public meeting for the panel to review the documents will be held on November 17, 18, and 19 and December 1 and 2, 2021. More detail about how to obtain information about these meetings is available [here](#).

**Don't forget to fill out NTAA's Air Quality Baseline Needs Assessment for Tribes by December 31, 2021!** The purpose of the survey is to collect information from all 574 federally recognized Tribes to 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. Your participation in this survey is voluntary and you are free to decline to answer any question you do not wish to answer. The survey will take between 15 – 20 minutes to complete. If you would like to take the survey by phone, please email Sydney Janssen at [sjanssen@thhnw.org](mailto:sjanssen@thhnw.org) to set up a time, or call 800-717-2118, Ext. 105. If you would like to familiarize yourself with air quality funding sources and concepts mentioned in the survey, please [review the glossary PDF](#). The deadline extended to Friday, December 31, at 5:00pm PST. 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>)

For a Microsoft Word version of the survey, [click here](#). Upon completing the survey, ‘save as’ and change the document name as \*YOUR\_NAME\_BNA\* and email it to: [sjanssen@thhnw.org](mailto:sjanssen@thhnw.org). If you have any question or difficulty completing this form, please email Sydney.

### **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’s Community and Tribal Programs Group has been working on a webpage with publicly-facing [Tribal Actions and Events calendar](#)**

This calendar includes the following information:

- Upcoming outreach activities (e.g., rulemaking webinars, trainings)
- National Tribal Council (NTC) monthly meetings,
- National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) meetings,
- Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) meetings, and
- Upcoming regulatory dates (e.g., expected rule proposal dates).

This calendar is also linked under the “Tribal Air and Climate Resources” webpage under the “Policy and Planning” heading available at <https://www.epa.gov/tribal-air>. The purpose of the calendar is to ensure that our Tribal partners are kept apprised of EPA activities that are relevant to them. If you have any questions about the calendars or any recommendations on how EPA can improve upon the calendars please do not hesitate to reach out to Toni Colon ([colon.toni@epa.gov](mailto:colon.toni@epa.gov)) and/or Tanya Abrahamian ([abrahamian.tanya@epa.gov](mailto:abrahamian.tanya@epa.gov)) with any feedback.

### **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>

### 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](#) by the deadline of **December 3, 2021**.

### NTAA Upcoming Calls

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.

<p><b>Mobile Sources Work Group:</b> This monthly work group addresses all mobile source pollution issues. <a href="#">Attend by clicking here.</a></p>	<p>Thursday, December 2, 2pm ET</p>
<p><b>Wood Smoke Work Group:</b> Join this work group every other month to address wood smoke issues in Indian Country. <a href="#">Attend by clicking here.</a></p>	<p>Thursday, November 18, 2pm ET</p>
<p><b>EPA Policy Call:</b> Call in to hear updates from EPA on policies, actions, and tools relevant to Indian Country and Air Quality. <a href="#">Attend by clicking here.</a></p>	<p>Thursday, December 9, 2pm ET</p>



**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,  
December 16,  
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***

#### **NEW! Virtual Workshop Tribal Community-scale Solar, Solutions for Climate & Community Resilience**

*Monday, December 6; 9:30am – 12:00pm* / [Register Here](#)

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

#### **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) [webpage](#).

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.

## **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***

**Final Air Toxics Standards for Carbon Black Production.** The technology review of the standards for Carbon Black production major source and area facilities did not identify any developments that would further reduce hazardous air pollutant emissions beyond the original NESHAP. More information, including a summary fact sheet and a pre-publication version of the final rule, is available [here](#).

### **Final Air Toxics Standards for Cyanide Chemicals Manufacturing**

EPA is not amending the NESHAP as a part of the technology review. However, as a part of our technology review, we did identify previously unregulated emission sources and finalized changes to the NESHAP that add standards for these sources. More information is available [here](#).

### **Final Air Toxics Standards for Flexible Polyurethane Foam NESHAP and RTR Final Rule**

EPA identified one technology-related development that is a current industry practice. Accordingly, EPA is amending the definition of "hazardous air pollutants (HAP)-based adhesive" so that major source new and existing loop slitters are prohibited from using adhesives containing one percent or more by weight of total HAP. More information is available [here](#).

### **Final Air Toxics Standards for Refractory Products Manufacturing**

EPA identified one technology-related development that reflects current industry best practices. As a result, EPA is amending the work practices that are required to minimize air toxics emissions during scheduled maintenance of control devices for continuous kilns. More information is available [here](#).

## ***Indoor Air Quality***

**The EPA's upcoming Integrated Pest Management (IPM) webinar on November 16 from 2-3:30 PM EST and is titled: "Termites: Eating You Out of House and Home".** If you are interested, feel free to [sign up here](#).

More information about the webinar is below. Also, EPA’s IPM webinars occur monthly. Check out EPA’s website [Upcoming Integrated Pest Management Webinars](#) to register for these monthly webinars, as they are scheduled through June 2022. Take note that the IPM webinar scheduled for March 2022 is titled “Managing Bed Bugs with Limited Resources.”

**Please join us for EPA's next Indoor Air Quality Science Webinar Using CO<sub>2</sub> Monitoring to Manage Building Ventilation with guest speaker Andrew K. Persily, Ph.D. from the National Institute of Standards and Technology and hosted by Jordan Zambrana of EPA's Indoor Environments Division on Wednesday, November 17 from 2-3:30 pm ET.**

The measurement of indoor carbon dioxide concentrations has been used for many years to assess and control building ventilation rates, as well as to characterize indoor air quality. Over the years these applications of indoor CO<sub>2</sub> monitoring have been misunderstood, despite the publication of technical papers and guidance documents and the organization of conference sessions in an attempt to reduce some of the confusion. There is renewed interest in such applications of CO<sub>2</sub> measurement in the context of airborne infectious disease control. This presentation will review the application of indoor CO<sub>2</sub> monitoring to building ventilation and IAQ and discuss several issues regarding these measurements and their interpretation. Note: This presentation reflects the opinions of the guest speaker and not necessarily those of the U.S. EPA. More information on the [Featured Speakers](#) here. [Space is limited so save your seat here!](#)

### **Outdoor Air Affects Indoor Air, Especially During Wildfires: Take Steps to Protect Your Indoor Air Quality!**

During a wildfire, smoke can make the outdoor air unhealthy to breathe. Local officials may advise you to stay indoors during a smoke event. You should be aware that some of the smoke from outdoors can enter your home and make it unhealthy to breathe indoor air, too.



There are things you can do, such as staying indoors with the doors and windows closed and filtering the air indoors to reduce your family's exposure to smoke. Reducing exposure to smoke is important for everyone’s health — especially children, older adults, and people with heart or lung disease.



See our webpage on [Wildfires and Indoor Air Quality \(IAQ\)](#) for steps you can take to reduce your exposure to wildfire smoke inside your home.

### **Resources**

1. [New Research on DIY Air Cleaners to Reduce Wildfire Smoke Indoors](#) – also see guidance below!

2. [Wildfire Smoke Employer Training Checklists](#) for employee safety in OR and WA
3. **Updated EPA webpage on [Emergencies and Indoor Air Quality](#)**: Includes tips on how to prepare for, respond to, and recover from weather-related and man-made emergencies and disasters that affect indoor environments, including [Wildfires, Volcanic Eruptions, and Dust Storms](#), [Power Outages](#), [Hurricanes and Flooding](#), [Extreme Heat](#), [Snow and Ice](#), [Earthquakes](#)
4. **Two books for Indigenous Youth on COVID-19: [Our Smallest Warriors, Our Strongest Medicine](#)**, developed by Tribes and partners at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health (these are really well done – [order copies here](#))
5. New interagency hosted [StudentHealth.ed.gov website](#) - inventory of resources promoting healthy school environments
6. [Host sites needed for tribal air quality summer internship program](#) - The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals 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 by 12/3/21.
7. [2021 State of Our Schools Report](#) from the 21st Century School Fund, the International WELL Building Institute, and the National Council on School Facilities released
8. [Consumer warning from FDA](#): Consumers that use of the **Max-Lux Safe-T-Lite UV WAND** may expose the user or any nearby person to unsafe levels of ultraviolet-C radiation and may cause injury to the skin, eyes, or both after a few seconds of use. Consumers may use the wand to try to disinfect surfaces and kill germs in the home or similar spaces. The FDA recommends that consumers consider using safer alternative disinfection methods.

### **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.

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

## **RESOURCES & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

***Now Hiring!***

**NEW! Prairie Island's Land and Environment Dept. is looking to advertise a job opportunity.** The position will be responsible for implementing and managing the Non-Point Source Pollution (NPS) Program and coordinate aspects of regional environmental compliance and policy related to NPS issues. This position will also assist in relevant activities associated with water quality and environmental monitoring. [More info here!](#) **Closing date is November 26, 2021.**

**Moms Clean Air Force is hiring several positions that [can be found here.](#)** The open positions include a Senior Policy Analyst, EcoMadres Campaign Manager, Program Coordinator, Media and Public Engagement, New Mexico field consultant and an Arizona field consultant.

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

**NEW! Office of Research and Development recently conducted planning discussions regarding the WSMART program.** One decision we are activating now is a testing partner loan option during periods of lower wildfire activity (winter through early spring), with loans for up to 3 months. The website FAQs were updated today to outline that option (refer to: "Can I request this equipment to try out before the next wildfire season?"): <https://www.epa.gov/air-sensor-toolbox/wildfire-smoke-air-monitoring-response-technology-wsmart-pilot>

**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).

### **Rebate Application Form and Supporting Documents**

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

### **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***

### **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](#).

**Most Recent Listing: EPA Rules from the Federal Register can be [found here](#).**

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