



NTAA Weekly Update

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PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

National Geographic – [How Martin Luther King, Jr.'s multifaceted view on human rights still inspires today](#)



Legendary civil rights leader Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed that peace and economic justice were critical to his fight for human rights. His tireless work advocating for the end of war and nuclear weapons and to lift Americans out of poverty continues to inspire activists today. (Photograph by John C. Goodwin)

Top Stories

Be sure to join today's NTAA Informational Webinar on EPA's Proposed Methane Rule at 2pm ET. [You can register and attend NTAA's webinar here.](#) The 1 ½ hour webinar will include a Panel Discussion with:

- NTAA's Ian Fisher and Laura McKelvey
- American Lung Association's Laura Kate Bender
- Moms Clean Air Force's Shaina Oliver and Celerah Hewes
- EDF's Eric Kills a Hundred and Edwin LaMair

You can learn more and comment from [NTAA's Policy Resource Kits page here.](#)

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes News

E&E News - [EPA to review rules for largest source of lead in air](#)

Indian Country Today - [Tribal sovereignty ballot initiative smashes threshold](#)

Inside Climate News – [In the Latest Rights of Nature Case, a Tribe Is Suing Seattle on Behalf of Salmon in the Skagit River](#)

Mongabay News – [By cultivating seaweed, Indigenous communities restore connection to the ocean](#)

ABC News - [Low-income schools facing string of challenges after natural disasters: Report](#)

The Hill – [GOP senator blocks Biden EPA nominees over coal plant decision](#)

Indian Country Today – [Setting a climate course when politics divides](#)

Indian Country Today – [Vicious circle: Tribal broadband program hindered](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

Reuters - [How the White House hopes to save Biden's Build Back Better bill](#)

E&E News – [DOT to allot \\$27B to fix bridges, ensure climate resilience](#)

E&E News - [Interior reveals plans for orphan well cleanup](#)

E&E News - [EPA tackles coal-to-crypto industry trend](#)

Energy Wire - [Power companies back EPA climate authority at Supreme Court](#)

The Guardian – [Global heating linked to early birth and damage to babies' health, scientists find](#)

Grist – [Biden is ending Trump's war on green appliances — but not very quickly](#)

Reuters – [Emissions set to rise with global power demand - IEA](#)

ITEP Tribes and Climate Change [Monthly Newsletter](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

NBC News – [California's Salton Sea is a potential hotspot for lithium production](#)

CNBC – [How the U.S. fell behind in lithium, the ‘white gold’ of electric vehicles](#)

The Guardian – [Chemical pollution has passed safe limit for humanity, say scientists](#)

The Verge – [Bill Gates’ climate fund looks to funnel billions into carbon removal, green hydrogen, and more](#)

Indoor Air Quality

PR Newswire – [Johnson Controls Unveils Industry-First OpenBlue Indoor Air Quality as a Service Solution to Help Organizations Keep Occupants Safe and Healthy](#)

Yahoo! Finance – [North America HVAC System Market to Hit USD 58.56 Billion by 2028; Awareness Regarding Maintaining Indoor Air Quality to Augment Market Growth: Fortune Business Insights™](#)

Street Insider – [Clean Air Matters; How Effective Clean Air Technology Is Becoming Essential to a Healthy Future](#)

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

EPA’s Community and Tribal Programs Group has a publicly facing [Tribal Actions and Events calendar](#) for all to use!

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) and/or Loren Fox (fox.loren@epa.gov) with any feedback.

NEW! Call For Proposals for the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ)

May 2–5, 2022

The NTFAQ planning committee is actively seeking proposals for presentations until January 28th. [Click here to submit a proposal](#). The NTFAQ will have a range of sessions and topics including, but not limited to:

- Case studies of tribal Air Programs

- Air Monitoring Technology
- Indoor Air Quality Studies
- Community Outreach and Engagement
- Emission Inventories
- Innovative Community Projects
- Climate Change & Air Quality etc.

For more information Contact: Andy Bessler (andy.bessler@nau.edu), Mehrdad Khatibi (mehrdad.khatibi@nau.edu), or Christopher Lee (Christopher.lee@nau.edu)

NEW! EPA has made available modeling data including projected ozone design values for 2023, 2026, and 2032 and ozone contributions in 2023 and 2026 at individual monitoring sites, nationwide. These data are based on the 2016v2 emissions platform (<https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-modeling/2016v2-platform>)

While these data do not reflect any policy or regulatory decisions, EPA expects to use this information in upcoming rulemaking actions, including ozone transport actions. States could also use this information to the extent they wish to review their implementation plans with respect to interstate transport for the 2015 ozone standards. The data are available at: <https://www.epa.gov/air-emissions-modeling/2016v2-platform>. Interested parties can obtain the full set of modeling inputs and outputs when these data are used to support regulatory actions.

NEW! Introduction to Meteorological Monitoring | Webinar Hosted by Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)

February 8&10, 2022 | 9am (AK), 10am (PT), 11am (MT), 12pm (Central), and 1pm (ET)

This webinar series will provide Tribal professionals basic information on meteorology and meteorological monitoring guidance for in-situ primary meteorological monitoring variables (wind speed, wind direction, temperature, humidity, precipitation, pressure, and solar radiation). The webinars will provide general information on the sensors used for in-situ measurements: measurement quality objectives, verification/calibration, and accuracy criteria, as well as guidance on siting and exposure of meteorological towers.

Webinar Topics:

Webinar 1

- Introduction to meteorology
- Interpreting wind rose from met data

Webinar 2

- Meteorological tower siting criteria and installation
- Verification/calibration of meteorological sensors
- Maintenance of meteorological sensors, towers, and supporting equipment
- Identifying appropriate uses of meteorological data

Register Now:

<https://nau.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvcOGgqDIiEtftsyo6HrD30UtNPgfq7YzC>

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

*January 25-27, 2022 | 9am-2pm PDT; 10am-3pm MDT; 12pm-5pm EDT
(2-hour session, 1-hour break, 2-hour session, Daily)*

Apply Now: <https://forms.gle/1S3amRpocRphTMuX7>

Course capped at **12 participants**

Topics:

- Identifying air quality sources and concerns in a community
- Tribal Air Program Case Studies
- Resources for tribal air quality professionals

The application is due on **Wednesday, January 12, 2022**. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance to the workshop via email by Tuesday, January 18. Those accepted to participate in the workshop will receive the Zoom link and password to join the workshop. The link and password are unique and should not be shared with others.

A Sense of Place: Indigenous Perspectives on Earth, Water and Sky featuring Larry Campbell, Swinomish Elder

Registration is open for our next webinar! Register now for our 9th webinar "A Sense of Place: Indigenous Perspectives of Earth, Water and Sky," featuring Larry Campbell, Swinomish Elder, **Thursday January 20, 2022 at 11:00 AM, Pacific Time**. Space is limited so please [register now](#).

[Biden order requires net-zero federal government emissions by 2050](#)

There will be many opportunities to heat the more rural, northern federal buildings with wood, pellets and wood chips! The US Forest Service itself has many such buildings and understands the technology and benefits.

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>

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.

<p>Mobile Sources Work Group: This monthly work group addresses all mobile source pollution issues. Attend by clicking here.</p>	<p>Thursday, February 3, 2pm ET</p>
<p>STAR Work Group: Join the Status of Tribal Air work group to provide input on the report. Attend by clicking here.</p>	<p>Wednesday, January 25, 3pm ET</p>
<p>Wood Smoke Work Group: Join this work group every other month to address wood smoke issues in Indian Country. Attend by clicking here.</p>	<p>Thursday, January 20, 2pm ET</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Thursday, January 27, 2pm ET</p>
<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.</p>	<p>Thursday, February 17, 2pm ET</p>
<p>Alaska Air Work Group: Join this work group to hear updates from EPA and Alaskans working on air quality. Attend by clicking here.</p>	<p>Wednesday, January 26, 11 am AK</p>

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.

EPA Tools and Resources Webinar Series

Click [here](#) to see all past and upcoming webinars hosted by the EPA.

Climate Change / Energy

NEW! Applications open for the Arctic Rivers Summit, March 2022

Scheduled to take place at the Alaska Native Heritage Center in Anchorage, Alaska, March 29-31, 2022. The Summit is part of the Arctic Rivers Project funded by the National Science Foundation's Navigating the New Arctic Program. The Summit will be an in-person workshop to discuss the current and potential future states of Alaskan and Yukon rivers and fish and how we can adapt. It will bring together up to 150 Tribal and First Nation leaders, community members, managers, and knowledge holders, academic, Indigenous, federal, state, and provincial researchers, non-governmental organizations, and others.

Applications are due by January 23, 2022. For more information, please visit the [Arctic Rivers Summit website](#).

Save the Date: 2022 Southwestern Tribal Climate Change Summit

May 16 – 18, 2022 @ the Pala, CA / [Register Here](#)

In partnership with the La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians, the Pala Band of Mission Indians, and the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, the Climate Science Alliance is excited to co-host the 2022 Southwestern Tribal Climate Change Summit (SWTCCS).

ITEP's Climate Change Adaptation Training Courses registration is online!

[Learn more about the courses and register here.](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

NEW! The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized Indian tribes on **Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Steam Electric Power Generating Point Source Category (the Steam Electric ELG)**. The Steam Electric ELG regulations cover wastewater discharges from power plants. The current rulemaking specifically focusses on wastewaters generated by coal-fired power plants. These limitations on the discharge of pollutants will subsequently be incorporated into National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits, potentially reducing pollutant discharges into waters of the United States.

On July 26, 2021, EPA announced its decision to undertake a rulemaking in which the Agency will determine whether more stringent limitations and standards for

coal-fired power plants are appropriate and consistent with the technology-forcing statutory scheme and the goals of the Clean Water Act.

The tribal consultation letter and consultation and coordination plan for this action are attached. These consultation materials are also available on EPA's Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System (TCOTS) website located at: <https://tcots.epa.gov>.

Additional information on the Steam Electric ELG can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/eg/steam-electric-power-generating-effluent-guidelines>.

EPA plans to hold two identical Tribal Webinars and Listening Sessions on February 1 and 9, 2022 from 1:00 – 2:30 PM Eastern Time. These webinars will be an opportunity for EPA to provide an overview of this forthcoming rulemaking and to receive input from tribal representatives about this action. To register:

- February 1 Tribal Webinar and Listening Session: https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_dR5Vg1NbSq-5_e0r4p2Wyw.
- February 9 Tribal Webinar and Listening Session: https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_c3TOTjz-TuOIg5ABN7GN1Q.

The EPA's anticipated timeline for the consultation and coordination period on this action is expected to extend from January 18, 2022 to March 29, 2022.

For any questions, please contact Richard Benware with EPA's Office of Science and Technology by email at benware.richard@epa.gov or by phone at (202) 566-1369.

NRC invites comment on Draft Programmatic Agreement on protection of archaeological sites affected by proposed placement of mine waste repository on top of reclaimed Church Rock uranium mill tailings deposit:

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is requesting comment on a draft Programmatic Agreement (PA) between the NRC, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA), Navajo Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office (NNTHPO), New Mexico State Historic Preservation Office (NMSHPO), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and United Nuclear Corporation (UNC). The purpose of this draft PA is to resolve any adverse effects to historic properties identified during consultation for a proposed license amendment application for the UNC Mill Site.

Submit comments by **January 21, 2022**.

> Federal Register (TBA)

> Download: [Draft Programmatic Agreement](#), Nov. 30, 2021 (PDF)

> Access [Docket ID NRC-2019-0026](#)

Indoor Air Quality

New! EPA is looking for comprehensive programs that demonstrate improved asthma outcomes, compelling financial outcomes and progress toward financial sustainability. Check out examples of successful asthma programs and previous winners in the [Hall of Fame](#) – Applications Due February 1, 2022

[Learn more here](#) about the online application process, which allows you to highlight how your program emphasizes environmental management as a standard component of care. You can also access the downloadable [checklist](#) to help you through the application process.

Have questions about your application?

Visit AsthmaCommunityNetwork.org/awards for more information, or contact us at EPALeadershipAwards@AsthmaCommunityNetwork.org

Choose the Right Portable Air Cleaner for the Home

Whether you are in the market for a portable air cleaner for your home or you were thinking about gifting one this holiday season, EPA's Guide to Air Cleaners in the Home can help you make a well-informed decision.

Tips for selecting and using a portable air cleaner:

- Never buy or use an air cleaner that generates ozone, a lung irritant.
- Choose an air cleaner with a clean air delivery rate (CADR) that is large enough for the size of the room. The higher the CADR the more particles an air cleaner can capture and remove from the air and the larger the room it can be used in.
- Running your air cleaner at a higher speed and for a longer time will help improve the air cleaner's effectiveness.
- Place your air cleaner in the rooms where you spend more of your time such as your living room or bedroom.
- Replace filters regularly and follow all air cleaner manufacturing maintenance instructions.

[Read EPA's Guide to Air Cleaners in the Home for more details and tips.](#)

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.

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! The Navajo Nation's Department of Fish and Wildlife is hiring for the **positing of Planner/Cultural Plants Coordinator with a Start/End Date: Jan 1st, 2022-Dec 31st, 2024 (with possibility of extension contingent on funding) Salary: \$19.87/hour and per diem reimbursement for travel.**

The Navajo Natural Heritage Program is the sub-department with the Navajo Department of Fish and Wildlife which is responsible for tracking, managing, and conserving endangered and vulnerable plant and wildlife species on the Navajo Endangered Species List. As part of an initiative to take an active role in restoring wildlife habitat, the Heritage Program started the Diné Native Plants Program in 2017. The Navajo Fish and Wildlife is hiring one (1) Planner/Cultural Plants Coordinator to assist with developing the community outreach and traditional uses of plants component of the DNPP.

Essential Responsibilities and Functions: The Cultural Plants Coordinator will be based out of the Division of Natural Resources building in Window Rock and/or at the Navajo Forestry Department greenhouse in Fort Defiance, AZ and will work closely with the NNHP Forester and Botanist. **To Apply:** Job Vacancy Announcement (JVA) and application instructions found here: <http://www.dpm.navajo-nsn.gov/jobs.html>.

Contact: Jesse Mike (jmike@nndfw.org) or Nora Talkington (ntalkington@nndfw.org).

NEW! U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY HIRING WEBINAR FOR STUDENTS AND ALUMNI OF NATIVE SERVING INSTITUTIONS AND TRIBAL COLLEGES on Tuesday, January 25th at 3:00 PM EST

[Join the Teams Meeting by clicking here](#). The webinar will provide information on job opportunities for students and recent graduates, how to apply to federal positions, creating a USA Jobs profile and saving searches, education and transcript requirements, federal pay, benefits and retirement, EPA's work toward Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility. For questions, contact Kate Fox at fox.kate@epa.gov.

Northern Arizona University Assistant Professor Environmental Policy

Closing Date: January 21, 2022

Classification: On-Site, Full Time

Location: Flagstaff, Arizona, Mountain Campus

Salary: \$69,000 – \$73,000 depending on qualifications

Application Procedure: To apply for this position, please click on the "Apply" button at the end of the job description if viewing this position through the NAU HR [website](#).

Otherwise, to view the original post and to apply, proceed to [nau.jobs](#), follow the 'Faculty and Administrator Openings' link, locate vacancy 605899, and then "Apply" at the bottom of the page. Application must include: (1) Cover letter addressing minimum and preferred qualifications, (2) Curriculum Vitae, (3) Statement of experiences and plans for contributing to a diverse and inclusive community of colleagues and students, (4) Statement of research interests and plans, (5) Statement of teaching philosophy and effectiveness including approaches for inclusive and interdisciplinary teaching, (6) Unofficial transcript, and (7) Contact information for three references including names, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers. Only submissions received through our online applications system will be reviewed.

Questions about the position may be sent to Dr. Denielle Perry

(Denielle.Perry@nau.edu).

Northern Arizona University Assistant Professor of Indigenous Forestry

Closing Date: OUF

Classification: On-Site, Full Time

Location: Flagstaff, Arizona, Mountain Campus

Salary: TBD

Application Procedure: To apply for this position, please click on the "Apply" button at the end of the job description if viewing this position through the NAU HR website.

Otherwise, to view the original post and to apply, proceed to [nau.jobs](#), follow the 'Faculty and Administrator Openings' link, locate vacancy **605923**, and then "Apply" at the bottom of the page.

Applications must include: (1) a letter of interest highlighting your qualifications for this position, (2) a curriculum vitae, (3) unofficial graduate transcripts of all college level work, (4) one-page DEIJ statement (see description above), (5) a statement of

teaching philosophy, and (6) names and contact information for three professional references (phone number, email, and address). Save all items as PDF documents. For more information, please contact Dr. Carol Chambers, Search Committee Chair, School of Forestry, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff AZ 86011-5018; phone: 928-523-0014. Email: Carol.Chambers@nau.edu

Tribal Climate Adaptation Menu Coordinator

Closing date: January 31, 2022

Classification: 3-year, full time (Renewable dependent on funding)

Location: Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission, Odanah, WI

Salary: Salary range: \$39,707-\$43,679 depending on qualifications.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Submit a completed GLIFWC application for employment (available at www.glifwc.org), letter of interest, resume, and three professional references to: Robert Croll, Climate Change Program Coordinator 715-682-6619 rcroll@glifwc.org

The Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community is hiring a Sustainability Specialist and want to reach as wide an audience as possible. You can also get there through [this link](#).

Public Lands Internship Program (PLIP)

The Public Lands Internship Program (PLIP), which is a partnership between Northern Arizona University and various land management agencies, such as the National Park Service (NPS). The Northern Arizona University (NAU) Public Lands Internship Program (PLIP) aims to place 10 or more interns and practicum students from the College of the Environment, Forestry, and Natural Sciences (CEFNS) as well as other partner colleges at NAU each year.

Current internship opportunities are available at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area; Flagstaff Area, Aztec Ruins, and Montezuma Castle National Monuments; and Grand Canyon National Park. Indigenous and Native American students are strongly encouraged to apply. Visit the [PLIP website](#) for more information and please share these internship opportunities with your networks.

You can find a great listing of Indian Country jobs on [NCAI's website here](#).

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

NEW! Institute for Environmental Professionals (ITEP) Internship Opportunities

The Student Summer Internship (SSI) program is an 8-week program. The purpose of this internship program is for students to gain hands-on skills and experience with EPA or other governmental and tribal environmental offices in managing and monitoring air quality. The internship program is funded by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

- [Air Quality Internship \(SSI\) Program](#). Learn about paid 8-week summer internship opportunities for college students

The Water and Land Summer Internship program is an 8 to 10-week program. The purpose of this internship program is for students to gain hands-on skills and experience with tribal organizations, state and federal agencies, and water or land management NGO's. The internship program is funded by the Catena Foundation, Mighty Arrow Foundation and the Babbitt Center for Land and Water Policy.

- [Water and Land Summer Internship Program](#). Learn about paid summer internship opportunities for college students.

Reach out to Mansel Nelson (mansel.nelson@nau.edu) for more information and application process. Applications due by **February 1, 2022**

Communication Channels for NASA Funding Opportunities

Please consider signing up for the following communication channels. These channels will ensure that you are informed of student engagement and other funding opportunities:

- Register for an account with [NASA Solicitation and Proposal Integrated Review and Evaluation System \(NSPIRES\)](#). You'll need to create an account, if you don't already have one. Once you have an account you'll be able to sign up for notifications to be alerted when new funding opportunities are released. There are sometimes opportunities released specifically for Minority Serving Institutions (including TCUs and other indigenous serving higher education institutions) so it's good to receive the notifications to stay on top of new opportunities.
- Sign up for our [MUREP Newsletter](#) which goes out every 2 weeks on Fridays.
- Check our [MUREP website](#) for announcements regarding MUREP specific funding opportunities.

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>

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

Climate Change/Energy

NEW! The Clean Energy Corps is hiring. We need talented, diverse, kind, and hardworking people like you to join this team.

With the passage of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, the Clean Energy Corps is charged with investing more than \$62 billion to deliver a more equitable clean energy future for the American people by:

- Investing in American manufacturing
- Creating good paying jobs
- Expanding access to energy efficiency and clean energy for families, communities, and businesses
- Delivering reliable, clean, and affordable power to more Americans
- And building the technologies of tomorrow through clean energy research, development, and demonstrations

While not an exhaustive list, Department of Energy (DOE) is looking for candidates in the following career fields to support the implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law:

- Business Administration
- Communications
- Engineering
- Finance/Accounting
- Grants/Contract Management
- Human Resources
- Information Technology/Cybersecurity
- Legal
- Legislative Affairs
- Physical Science
- Program and Portfolio Management
- Project Management
- Public Policy
- Safety and Occupational Health

Whether you've been working on Clean Energy issues for decades or are just starting out - we want you as part of the Clean Energy Corps. Apply Now!

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](#).

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