



NTAA Weekly Update

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PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

Indian Country Today – [Ruling stands, McGirt not to be overturned](#)



Kelsey Cooper holds a sign and argues with the panel to address post-McGirt concerns on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 in Tulsa, Okla. The panel ended early as frustration grew among audience members with the panel. (Michael Noble Jr./Tulsa World via AP)

Top Stories

NTAA News!

The entire NTAA family is grateful for the leadership of Carol Kriebs, NTAA's Region 10 representative who stepped down last week as the chairwoman of NTAA. As Carol moves onto new opportunities in the lovely forests of Idaho, we all wish her well. Carol provided us all with great leadership to help advance air quality with NTAA since 2019! Thank you Carol!

Brandy Toft, NTAA Region 5 Representative is now the Interim Chair for NTAA. Thank you Brandy for stepping up in the meantime!

Region 10 Tribes are invited to consider joining current R10 NTAA Representative Lucas Bair as a new NTAA EC Alternate Representative for Region 10 Tribes. Feel free to respond to the EPA announcement below!

The NTAA is currently seeking story submissions for the 2022 Status of Tribal Air Report!

We are asking that you draft the short story or nominate someone who you may think has a great idea! Please list or write a short paragraph below for one (or two) of the topics given in the [Google Form](#). You may also submit another form response. DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: **Friday, February 25th, 2022**

Background:

The NTAA STAR is an annual publication intended to provide an understanding of the importance and impact of Tribal air programs. As such, one of the biggest components to the STAR is the unique perspectives of air programs within Tribal communities. In last year's STAR, there was mention of needs not being met when it comes to implementing programs or projects due to the lack of funding and infrastructure. Our hope for this STAR is to emphasize funding, and not just the need for more funding for Tribes, but more emphasis on how Tribes are utilizing funds to implement projects and programs. So please provide your success and challenge stories, we'd love to hear from you! Reach out to Mariah.Ashely@nau.edu, NTAA Community Program Coordinator, for any questions.

NTAA is working on a Policy Resource Kit to help Tribes respond to EPA's Proposed revisions for National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Primary Copper Smelters. Comments to EPA are due on February 25, 2022. You can find [NTAA's fact sheet here](#) and stand by for a NTAA template letter your Tribe can use to submit comments. To learn more, visit [EPA's website here](#).

NTAA submitted comments to EPA this week on their proposed methane rule. The comment period closed on Monday. [You can view NTAA's comment letter here](#).

NEW! FOR REGION 10 TRIBES!

NTAA has a Region 10 alternate executive committee seat open. As of January 28th, 2022, Carol Kriebs (Kootenai Tribe of Idaho) has stepped down from the primary representative role and Executive Committee Chair. As the alternate R10 representative, Lucas Bair will step into the primary representative role for the remainder of the term, which will end on June 30, 2023. Thank you to Carol for her significant contributions to tribal air quality work in the region and nationally.

On behalf of NTAA and in accordance with the NTAA Executive Committee's Bylaws, EPA staff in Region10 (R10) are facilitating a call for nominations for the alternative R10 representative for the remainder of this term. Tribal staff can nominate themselves or another person.

How to Nominate:

To submit a nomination, please send the following information to Sandra Brozusky at brozusky.sandra@epa.gov by close of business **February 11, 2022**.

- Nominee's name, Tribe, and contact info
- Why this person is a good candidate, or why you are interested in the position (300 words or less)
- Please feel free to contact Andy Bessler at andy.bessler@nau.edu or NTAA EC member Lucas Bair at lucas.bair@SpokaneTribe.com if you have any questions about NTAA or the Executive Committee. For more information on NTAA can be found at <https://www.ntaatribalair.org/>.

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes News

AP - [EPA restores rule to limit power-plant mercury emissions](#)

Fast Company - [Tiny nanoplastics are floating in the air—and you're breathing them in](#)

CNBC - [Biden is sending more than \\$1 billion to states to plug abandoned oil and gas wells](#)

The White House - [Biden Administration Tackles Super-Polluting Methane Emissions](#)

NSF News - [Bubbles of methane rising from seafloor in Puget Sound](#)

EDF - [Widespread Public Support and New Analysis Underscore Need for Powerful EPA Methane Rules](#)

NPR - [Native American tribes reach a tentative opioid settlement with J&J and distributors](#)

E&E News - [Regan vows concrete steps to confront EJ problems](#)

E&E News – [Tech giants, utility powerhouse back EPA in SCOTUS climate case](#)

E&E News - [On anniversary of Biden's EJ order, is Justice40 delivering?](#)

E&E News – [Climate 'champion' sought to replace Breyer](#)

ProPublica – [EPA Rejects Texas' More Lenient Standard for Highly Toxic Air Pollutant](#)

CNBC – [What Indigenous people can teach us about fighting climate change](#)

Indian Country Today - [Winter Olympics feature three Indigenous women](#)

Inside Climate News – [For the First Time, a Harvard Study Links Air Pollution From Fracking to Early Deaths Among Nearby Residents](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

The Hill - [Climate-driven extreme heat is 'new normal' for oceans: study](#)

Roll Call - [Democratic divisions fester over 'Build Back Better'](#)

Our Children's Trust - [Judge Rules in Favor of Montana Youth Plaintiffs, Affirms Case Can Proceed to Trial](#)

AP News – [Alaska court rules against youths in climate change lawsuit](#)

NOLA.com - [U.S. floats ideas on methane and clean power](#)

Axios – [U.S. floats ideas on methane and clean power](#)

Axios – [The social cost of carbon is about to get an update](#)

E&E News – [How a record-breaking heat wave fueled climate anxiety](#)

MIT News - [Reducing methane emissions at landfills](#)

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

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Energy News – [Transition to electric transportation must elevate equity beyond EVs, advocates say](#)

CNBC – [How the fossil fuel industry is pushing plastics on the world](#)

KBAK - [EV charging company helps to reduce air pollution in the Central Valley](#)

AP News – [Union Pacific announces plans for battery-electric engines](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Native America Calling – [The Menu: Indigenous Food News](#)

(Editor's note: NTAA provided information on methane leaks from gas stoves in the last 15 minutes of the show)

CNN – [Gas stoves are a threat to health and have larger climate impact than previously known, study shows](#)

Washington Post – [Gas stoves pose a big risk to the planet and your health, study says](#)

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! EPA Webinar: How to Evaluate Air Sensors for Smoke Monitoring Applications

February 16, 3:00 PM ET / [Register Here](#)

In recent years, data from fine particulate matter (PM2.5) sensors have become an invaluable tool for communicating air quality information to the public during wildfire smoke episodes and broadening our understanding of the sometimes, local nature and often extreme air quality impacts from wildfire smoke. In 2021, EPA, released performance targets for PM2.5 air sensors. These targets provide a solid foundation for the evaluation of air sensors, but do not capture all the complexities of using sensors for smoke monitoring applications. This webinar will build on the performance targets with best practices for evaluating sensors over a wide concentration range, over multiple locations, and in network applications. Many of these lessons learned come from several years of using sensors for this application and from almost two years of including sensor data on the AirNow Fire and Smoke map.

NEW! EPA Webinar: An Introduction to Radon Gas in Homes

February 8, 2:00 – 2:30 PM ET / [Register Here](#)

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can enter homes from the ground and build up to dangerous levels. Radon is the number one cause of lung

cancer among non-smokers and is responsible for about 21,000 lung cancer deaths every year. It is both colorless and odorless, so the only way to know if you have high levels in your home is to test. This webinar will provide an overview of the key basic facts of radon - what it is, what it does to us, how we measure it, how we reduce our exposure, and resources for additional information.

NEW! U.S. EPA's Quality Program Virtual Training Event 2022

February 8 – 10 / [Register Here](#)

The 2022 Virtual Training Event is hosted by the Office of Mission Support, Office of Enterprise Information Programs, Enterprise Quality Management Division. This year's theme is '**Quality Connections: Ready, Set, Grow.**' This event will take place from February 8-10th on the platform Zoom (federally approved version). The full agenda is attached to this invitation (subject to change) and we hope that you will be able to join us. All meeting materials can be found at the following website <https://www.rossstrategic.net/EPA2022QATraining/>.

If you are interested in attending this event – **you must register for each individual session you are interested in attending using the links below.** After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with the links to add the events to your calendar. All times are listed in EST.

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)

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) [Register Here](#)

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

[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.

STAR Work Group: Join the bi-weekly Status of Tribal Air work group to provide input on the report. Attend by clicking here.	Tuesday, February 8, 1pm ET
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Alaska Air Work Group: Join this work group to hear updates from EPA and Alaskans working on air quality. Attend by clicking here.	Tentatively set for March 30, 10 am AK
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, January 27, 2pm ET
Mobile Sources Work Group: This monthly work group addresses all mobile source pollution issues. Attend by clicking here.	Thursday, February 3, 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, February 17, 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, March 24, 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.

EPA Tools and Resources Webinar Series

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

Climate Change / Energy

NEW! EPA has updated the Tribal Greenhouse Gas Inventory Tool EPA's free, spreadsheet-based Tribal Greenhouse Gas Inventory Tool, first launched in 2013 and updated annually, is based on nationally and internationally recognized GHG accounting and reporting principles.

This year's updates include:

- An optional market-based method to calculate Scope 2 emissions from electricity purchased through contractual instruments, such as Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs).
- Revised Emissions & Generation Resource Integrated Database (eGRID) factors from 1990 through 2019, as available.
- Updated default stationary energy emission factors and heat contents.
- Kerosene and distillate fuel oil as additional stationary energy fuel types.

Find the updated Tribal community and government operations modules and users' guides here: <https://www.epa.gov/statelocalenergy/tribal-greenhouse-gas-inventory-tool>

Are you a long-time inventory tool user with questions about the new updates? Or is this your first GHG inventory? Join this webinar or upcoming offices hours to learn more and ask questions:

February 10, 2 PM (ET) – Learn about EPA's Tribal GHG Inventory Tool. Interested in completing a GHG inventory for your tribe or tribal government? Join this webinar for an overview and demo of how to use EPA's updated Tribal GHG Inventory Tool.

<https://abtassociates.webex.com/abtassociates/j.php?RGID=r46903eae8612150e938b9bb5ec3c26df>

February 22, 2 PM (ET) – Local and Tribal GHG Inventory Tool Office Hours. EPA is hosting online drop-in office hours for the Local and Tribal GHG Inventory tools on February 22. During this session, EPA staff will offer technical assistance on the tools, provide guidance on data collection, and answer questions about local and tribal GHG inventories. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/us-epa-local-and-tribal-greenhouse-gas-inventory-tool-office-hours-tickets-247279388307>

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

'Control of Air Pollution from Aircraft Engines: Emission Standards and Test Procedures Rule' is in the comment period. Here is the relevant information (<https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-HQ-OAR-2019-0660-0130>). The OTAQ team will be giving more information on this rule in the next NTAA Mobile Sources Workgroup call on Thursday, February 3 at 2pm ET. [Attend by clicking here.](#)

EPA is rescheduling the virtual public hearing for its proposed rule to February 17, 2022. This hearing is being rescheduled from the previous date of January 20, 2022. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this hearing will be held virtually only using Zoom (i.e., there will be no in-person hearing). In order to attend the February 17, 2022 virtual public hearing, all attendees (including those who will not be presenting verbal testimony) must register. The EPA is requesting that you pre-register by February 14, 2022 to allow for the orderly scheduling of testimony. To register, visit [Aircraft Engine Particulate Matter Public Hearing Webinar Registration EPA WEBSITE](#).

Indoor Air Quality

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!

ETR (Education, Training, and Research) is seeking a Project Coordinator.

The Project Coordinator will report to the Director of Tribal Projects, this position will be responsible for coordinating, developing, and executing the California Clean Air Project (CCAP) scope of work (SOW) components of the project. These include but not limited to, facilitating and training Tribal representatives, coordinating other capacity building assistance and related activities, coordinating and ensuring delivery of day-to-day deliverables, planning and designing specific project deliverables, contributing to ideas to project/department strategic planning and resource development, and assisting in writing reports, proposals, re-applications and progress reports, all with general oversight of supervisor.

For More Information and to Apply for this Position click [here](#)

ETR (Education, Training, and Research) is seeking a Project Coordinator II Tribal Community Coordinating Center (TCCC).

The Project Coordinator II (TCCC) will report to the Director of Tribal Projects, the Project Coordinator manages the day-to-day operations of one large project or multiple small projects (600K or less). Plans, coordinates, designs, and delivers project activities in the ATOD content area, specifically Tribal Community Coordinating Center (TCCC) Project. Writes reports, supervises staff, assists in resource development, and contributes to business unit strategic planning. **California-based position.**

For More Information and to Apply for this Position click [here](#)

Spark Northwest is seeking a Program Director for their Seattle, Washington Office.

[Spark Northwest](#) seeks a dynamic leader who is passionate about clean energy and social justice to join our team. The Program Director oversees the design and delivery of Spark Northwest's clean energy programs. This position is responsible for all aspects of program administration including charting strategic direction, overseeing the project managers, and evaluating success. The Program Director also manages institutional funding relationships with local governments, utilities and foundations. This position reports to the Executive Director.

How to Apply

Position will remain open until filled, but applications received by Friday February 11th will receive priority consideration. Expected start date is early April. Please submit the following to jobs@sparknorthwest.org with the subject line: "Your Full Name, Program Director":

- A cover letter explaining how this position aligns with your previous experience and career goals
- A current resume with specific dates of employment (month/year)
- A writing sample reflecting your original work

Spark Northwest is seeking a Part-Time Policy Manager for their Washington & Oregon Offices

[Spark Northwest](#) seeks a Policy Manager to serve as our point person on community generated clean energy policy in Oregon and Washington. We are looking for someone who shares our vision of a just transition to clean energy. The Policy Manager cultivates relationships with allies and deploys our policy strategy to advance clean energy that benefits BIPOC and low-wealth communities.

How to Apply

Position will remain open until filled, but applications received by February 12th will receive priority consideration. Expected start date in early April.

Please submit the following to jobs@sparknorthwest.org with the subject line: “Your Full Name, Policy Manager”:

- A cover letter explaining how this position aligns with your previous experience and career goals
- A current resume with specific dates of employment (month/year)
- A writing sample reflecting your original work

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

[Apply Now!](#)

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

EPA is accepting air quality monitoring grant applications!

With funding from the American Rescue Plan, EPA is opening a grant competition for a total of \$20 million to enhance ambient air monitoring in communities with health outcome disparities from pollution and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Entities eligible to apply include States (including the District of Columbia); local governments; U.S. territories and possessions; Indian tribes; and community-based, nonprofit organizations. For-profit organizations are not eligible to apply.

Applications must be submitted no later than **February 25, 2022**, at 11:59 p.m. EST. EPA expects to award the grants in summer 2022.

Application packages must be submitted electronically to EPA through www.grants.gov. For tips and more information on how to apply through Grants.gov, visit the EPA Grants page: <https://www.epa.gov/grants>.

NEW! 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.

NEW! EPA recently shared documents from the May 2021 Workshop on Wildfire Smoke and Children's Health.

The workshop summary recaps expert presentation and topics discussed during the May event. The recommendations were drafted by multistakeholder workgroups and contain a collection of evidence-based information for decision making and for developing educational materials.

You can find the documents attached and posted on the AirNow website:

<https://www.airnow.gov/wildfire-guide-post-publication-updates/>

At this site you will also see a link to A Story of Health, a multimedia eBook from the Western States Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit that explores how our environments interact with our genes to influence health across the lifespan. The latest chapter, Sofia's Story, explores the health effects of wildfires. Go directly to Story of Health here: <https://wspehsu.ucsf.edu/main-resources/for-clinical-professionals/training/a-story-of-health-a-multi-media-ebook/>. For more information, contact EPA's Martha Berger at Berger.Martha@epa.gov.

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

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

Recent additions to OTAQ's website in August 2022

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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