



NTAA Weekly Update

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PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

E&E News - [Regan urges EPA spending hike, takes Republican heat](#)



EPA Administrator Michael Regan on Capitol Hill yesterday. Francis Chung/E&E News

NTAA News

NTAA - [U.S. Tribal Nations Combat Air Pollution and Climate Change Without the Needed Federal Funding to Sustain and Build Tribal Air Quality Programs](#)

The NTAA Executive Committee presented key findings from NTAA’s first national baseline needs assessment (BNA) for Tribal Air Programs. You can read the [full report here](#), and the [key findings here](#).

To help readers navigate the 110-page report, NTAA will be hosting a national webinar on Wednesday, June 15th at 2 ET. All members of the public are welcome to join the webinar. [Follow this link](#) to register to the event.

At NTAA’s Annual Meeting, the new one-hour NTAA film, “NTAA’s 20th year anniversary” was screened. You can view the full film on [NTAA’s “About Us” page here](#).

Last week, NTAA also published new [Policy Resource Kits](#) for Tribes to use that includes fact sheets and template letters you and/or your Tribe can use to comment on:

- [EPA’s proposed Ozone Transport Rule](#)

The 2022 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality Recording Sessions Are Now Available! Please scan the qr code by May 20th below to submit a survey of the 2022 NTFAQ so that we can improve it next year!

Thanks to all who helped make the 2022 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality a complete success! You can view an amazing video and photos that captures the [full NTFAQ that can be viewed here!](#)

The banner features a dark blue background on the left with the text "NTFAQ 2022 NATIONAL TRIBAL FORUM ON AIR QUALITY" in yellow and white. Below this, it says "May 2 - 5, 2022", "Tulsa, Oklahoma · River Spirit Casino Resort", and "In-Person · Online via Zoom". Logos for the National Tribal Association and other partners are visible. On the right, there is a photograph of a modern building with a large feather sculpture in front. Below the banner, the text "Recorded sessions now available!" is followed by a paragraph about the availability of recorded sessions and a QR code for a survey.

Recorded sessions now available!

The moment you've been waiting for: **all recorded sessions are now live!** Highlights include Second Chief Del Beaver's keynote, all breakout sessions and trainings, the Virgil Masayesva Awards Dinner, Updates from the White House and more. The page is sorted alphabetically, and is also searchable if you're looking for a specific session, and presentation documents have also been attached to each session.

One last favor to ask of you, in order to continue improving the NTFAQ experience, please take a moment to fill out our **2022 Survey** by scanning this QR Code **before May 20th**:



Top Stories

Reuters - [Pollution killing 9 million people a year, Africa hardest hit - study](#)

E&E News - [Meeting climate goals could save 50K+ lives yearly](#)

E&E News - [Meet the climate and energy wonks in Biden's embattled science office](#)

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes News

Time – [The Best Stove for Your Health and the Environment](#)

Axios – [17 GOP attorneys general sue EPA over California vehicle emission standards](#)

E&E News – [Gina McCarthy is leaving. Who will take her place?](#)

NPR – [A low-income energy-efficiency program gets \\$3.5B boost, but leaves out many in need](#)

Phys.org - [How drones can help dairy farms manage methane emissions](#)

Native News Online – [Native News Weekly \(May 15, 2022\): D.C. Briefs](#)

Native News Online – [Duwamish Tribe Prepares to Sue Federal Government to Secure Tribal Sovereignty](#)

Indian Country Today – [‘Metrics of economic well-being’ show Native Americans underserved](#)

NPR - [The wildfires burning in the Southwest are bad but 'not unprecedented'](#)

Axios – [January to April average precipitation in California](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

Politico – [Biden's battling one energy price nightmare. Here comes another.](#)

NPR – [The U.S. pledged billions to fight climate change. Then came the Ukraine war](#)

The Guardian – [‘Cash, coal, cars and trees’: what progress has been made since Cop26?](#)

The Guardian – [‘This is about survival’: will Cop27 bring action on Glasgow climate pact?](#)

Utility Dive - [DOE provides \\$505M to advance long-duration energy storage fed by renewables](#)

Grist – [Biden calls off oil and gas leases in Alaska and Gulf of Mexico — but not for the climate](#)

Climate Signals - [Extreme Heat and Heat Waves: Climate Change Impacts Explained in Real Time](#)

Yale Climate Connections – [2022 brings Earth's 5th-warmest April](#)

CBS News – [Lake Powell is vanishing with devastating consequences. But it's bringing a former canyon back to life.](#)

Canary Media – [Chart: US solar installations could fall 50% or more under new tariffs](#)

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

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Yale Climate Connections – [Grants help Wisconsin nonprofits purchase electric vehicles](#)

Utility Dive – [Closing the gap on rural EV 'charging deserts'](#)

Car and Driver – [Electric Cars' Turning Point May Be Happening as U.S. Sales Numbers Start Climb](#)

CBS News – [New technology seeks to destroy toxic "forever chemicals" in drinking water](#)

CNN Business – [This toxic lake has enough lithium to supply US electric vehicles for decades](#)

Indoor Air Quality

CMM Online – [Symposium to Offer Best Practices for Improving Indoor Air Quality](#)

US News – [Wildfire Survivors Could Face Higher Cancer Risk](#)

Globe Newswire – [Global Indoor Air Quality Monitors Market to Reach US\\$6.4 Billion by the Year 2027](#)

Oregon Live – [Below the bare minimum](#)

UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

The White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (WHEJAC) has released their Interim Final Recommendations On the Justice40 Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool & Executive Order 12898 Revisions. These

draft recommendations were first discussed during the May 6, 2021 WHEJAC Meeting.

- [WHEJAC Interim Final Recommendations On: Justice40 Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool & Executive Order 12898 Revisions \(pdf\)](#)

Comments must be received by May 25, 2022. You may submit comments, identified by docket number CEQ-2022-0002, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 202-456-6546.
- *Mail:* Council on Environmental Quality, 730 Jackson Place NW, Washington, DC 20503.

NEW! Air Monitoring Equipment Available for Loan to State, Local, and Tribal Agencies

In 2021, EPA's Office of Research and Development initiated the Wildfire Smoke Air Monitoring Response Technology (WSMART) Pilot, loaning air monitoring technologies to state, local, and tribal air organizations to support supplemental air monitoring in areas affected by wildfire smoke and with observational data coverage gaps.

During 2022, this pilot technology loan program will continue to provide several technology types – including stationary air sensor systems and a compact mobile monitoring system – to state and local air agency monitoring staff and professional tribal air quality staff members upon request.

The equipment is not available for general public use. For more information and access to the loan request webform, please visit the WSMART website: <https://www.epa.gov/air-sensor-toolbox/wildfire-smoke-air-monitoring-response-technology-wsmart-pilot>

For technical questions, please contact smoketech@epa.gov.

Registration for the Hybrid 2022 Tribal Lands and Environment Forum is now open!

April 8 – 11, 2022 / Register [Here](#)

For those wanting to attend in-person, registration is \$125. For those preferring to attend virtually the cost is \$25. You can also apply for a scholarship if you are attending in-person, to help cover some of your travel costs if necessary. All the details are on our website at: <http://www.nau.edu/tlef2022>

If you are interested in participating in this year's Multi Media Meetup we also have an online form you can fill out. The MMM is a terrific way to share your stories, research, projects, and services with all the other attendees – and get some great feedback in the bargain. At our website you'll find all the information about MMM, and the form, under the "Schedule" tab.

And if you, or an organization or company you know, are interested in being a sponsor of this year's TLEF, or reserving space for your exhibitor booth, we have

new sponsorship levels to choose from. You'll find all the details under the "Sponsors and Exhibitors" tab.

Be sure to check out the [TLEF website](#) often, as we are planning some additional special events for you! More details will be coming soon.

NEW! The Earth to Sky Interagency Partnership, in collaboration with the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals and Grand Canyon National Park, is excited to announce an upcoming course for interpreters, informal educators, and Tribal professionals on the Colorado Plateau.

September 6 – 9, 2022 | Click [Here](#) for Application | Click [Here](#) to Learn More

This course is offered by the Earth to Sky Interagency Partnership in collaboration with the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals and Grand Canyon National Park. Together we will provide participants a foundation in climate science and effective climate communication and interpretation; an understanding of the connections between global and local processes; and perspectives on the interdependence of culture and climate on the Colorado Plateau. The course emphasizes a supportive, collegial learning environment. You will:

- Meet with NASA and regional scientists to learn about the latest global and regional climate research and discuss their insights on understanding and responding to changing climate
- Observe, practice, and discuss techniques for successful climate change interpretation and communication
- Hear Native perspectives on climate change and learn about Tribal resilience and adaptation strategies
- Experience first-hand evidence of and responses to local climate change impacts on a field trip
- Meet colleagues from around the region and join a community of interpreters, informal educators, and Tribal professionals committed to communicating regional climate issues and solutions
- Depart with cutting-edge knowledge about climate change, and a plan for bringing the climate story to your visitors in relevant, engaging, inspiring, and hopeful ways
- Learn how you can stay connected with these scientists, fellow climate communicators, and the national Earth to Sky community of practice over the long term. You're not alone in your efforts!

Preparing for Wildland Fire Smoke

May 18, 2022, | 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm ET | Register [Here](#)

Environmental and public health officials can help their communities prepare for smoke events. This webinar highlights the ASHRAE [Planning Framework for Protecting Commercial Building Occupants from Smoke During Wildfires](#)

Planning Framework is a publicly available resource developed by government and industry experts that provides building managers for public and commercial

buildings, including schools, with advice on steps to reduce smoke exposures that can occur indoors during wildfires and prescribed burning. In addition, EPA researchers will share examples from field studies in Missoula, MT and the Hoopa Valley Tribe in Hoopa, CA to better understand indoor air quality in public and commercial buildings under typical ambient conditions and when smoke events occur. These examples include the impact of building characteristics and ventilation systems on indoor air quality during smoke episodes.

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 Air Knowledge E–Learning Content

The Air Knowledge training team is pleased to announce the availability of new air quality training materials!

These e-learning courses and modules are at the foundational learning level and are available to tribal, state, and local air agencies through our learning management system (LMS) and to the public [here](#). The website was recently enhanced to provide additional self-instructional and instructor-led training materials.

The new materials include:

- A course that explains the key historic events that led to air pollution control legislation and describes progress made with air pollution control since the passage of the Clean Air Act,
- A course that explains the basic components of state and tribal implementation plans,
- A module that generally defines the transport and fate of air pollutants and how transport and fate are influenced by meteorology and topography,
- A module that explains the basic aspects of an air emissions inventory, and
- A module that explains the purposes and types of air emissions inventories, including the inventories that the EPA develops.

More detailed information about the contents of these new materials can be found in the attached document.

To access the courses and modules on the LMS (<https://epaapti.csod.com>), tribal air agencies and organizations can register, log in, and refer to the “What’s New” section on the home page. All other users (the public, international community, academia, industry, EPA staff, etc.) can access the courses and modules on the Air Knowledge interim [website](#).

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 rollcall, ultimately saving everyone's time.

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, May 19, 2 pm ET
Mobile Sources Work Group: This monthly work group addresses all mobile source pollution issues. Attend by clicking here.	Thursday, June 2, 2 pm ET
IAQ Work Group: Join the bi-monthly calls of the NTAA IAQ work group. Attend by clicking here. The call this week has been cancelled, so next call will take place on June 16 th at 2pm ET.	Thursday, June 16, 2 pm 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, May 19, 2 pm ET
Alaska Air Work Group: Join this work group to hear updates from EPA and Alaskans working on air quality. Contact andy.bessler@nau.edu to join the call!	Wednesday, May 25, 10 am AK or 2 pm 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's Clean School Bus Program will be hosting a [Zoom Webinar on Tuesday, May 24th @ 1 PM Eastern](#) about the upcoming **Zero-Emission and Clean School Bus Rebates**. The priority applicant list and program guidance are coming soon.

- [Click here](#) to register for the May 24th Webinar (pre-registration is required).
- [Click here](#) to learn more about how to prepare for the upcoming rebate application.
- [Click here](#) to sign-up for the Clean School Bus News listserv to guarantee you receive regular program updates.
 - Add cleanschoolbus@epa.gov to your email contacts to ensure our messages don't go to your spam folder.
- [Click here](#) to access the EPA Clean School Bus website to learn more about the program and the benefits of clean school buses.
- Email cleanschoolbus@epa.gov with any questions or feedback to improve the program.

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).

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](#). 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:

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

Toxics/Mobile Sources

NEW! Applying the Pre-Incident All-Hazards Waste Management Plan Guidelines

The ITEP Waste & Response Program partnered with the U.S. EPA's ORD to create a series of webinars and virtual trainings. Using the Four-Step Waste Management Planning Process to address natural disasters. This particular webinar will be using flooding as the scenario. You can look over the attached document to learn a bit more about these guidelines.

The first webinar will take place on **Wednesday, May 25, 10 am (Alaska); 11 am (Pacific); 12 pm (Mountain); 1 pm (Central); 2 pm (Eastern)**. The webinar will be held on Zoom, which you can access here:

- [Zoom Link](#)
- Password – 979363
- Toll-free number - 877 853 5247

EPA is seeking nominations from representatives of nonfederal interests to serve on the Mobile Sources Technical Review Subcommittee (MSTRS).

EPA values and welcomes opportunities to increase diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility on its Federal Advisory Committees. In an effort to obtain nominations of diverse candidates, EPA encourages nominations of people from all racial and ethnic groups. MSTRS members are appointed by the EPA Administrator for three-year terms with the possibility of reappointment to a second term.

The MSTRS, a federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, provides the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee with independent advice, counsel, and recommendations on the scientific and technical aspects of programs related to mobile source air pollution and its control. The subcommittee's website is at <https://www.epa.gov/caaac/mobile-sources-technical-review-subcommittee-mstrs-caaac>.

For more information on how to submit a nomination, please see the [Federal Register Notice](#) announcing the request for nominations. Nominations must be

received by July 11, 2022. If you have any questions, please contact: Julia Burch, Designated Federal Officer; email: burch.julia@epa.gov.

Transportation, Climate Change and Health Resources for U.S. Tribes

The Pala Band of Mission Indians and the Jamul Indian Village of California (JIVoC) were funded by Caltrans's 2019 Adaption Planning Grant (per Senate Bill 1) to complete the Tribal Transportation Climate Adaptation Project. By Feb 2022, this project produced analysis and reports outlining current and anticipated transportation-related impacts of more extreme wildfires, storms, flooding, and heat on Pala and Jamul's valued social, cultural, economic, natural, and built assets, with a strong focus on protecting the health and safety of members, residents, employees, and visitors.

Click [Here](#) to Learn More

EPA Proposes Stronger Standards for Heavy-Duty Vehicles to Promote Clean Air, Protect Communities, and Support Transition to Zero-Emissions Future

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing new, stronger standards to promote clean air and reduce pollution from heavy-duty vehicles and engines starting in model year (MY) 2027. The proposed standards would reduce emissions of smog- and soot-forming nitrogen oxides (NO_x) from heavy-duty gasoline and diesel engines and set updated greenhouse gas (GHG) standards for certain commercial vehicle categories. This proposed rule would ensure the heavy-duty vehicles and engines that drive American commerce and connect people across the country are as clean as possible while charting a path to advance zero-emission vehicles in the heavy-duty fleet. Click [Here](#) for Full Press Release.

U.S. Department of Energy: The Information Source for Alternative Fuels and Advanced Vehicles

The Alternative Fuels Data Center (AFDC) provides information, data, and tools to help fleets and other transportation decision makers find ways to reach their energy and economic goals through the use of alternative and renewable fuels, advanced vehicles, and other fuel-saving measures. Click [Here](#) for more information about the resources available.

EPA Past SmartWay Webinars and Events

To address these trends and challenges, EPA developed the SmartWay program. Launched in 2004, this voluntary public-private program:

- provides a comprehensive and well-recognized system for tracking, documenting and sharing information about fuel use and freight emissions across supply chains
- helps companies identify and select more efficient freight carriers, transport modes, equipment, and operational strategies to improve supply chain sustainability and lower costs from goods movement

- supports global energy security and offsets environmental risk for companies and countries
- reduces freight transportation-related emissions by accelerating the use of advanced fuel-saving technologies
- is supported by major transportation industry associations, environmental groups, state and local governments, international agencies, and the corporate community

View the SmartWay timeline and learn about the program’s achievements and key milestones reached since SmartWay’s launch in 2002. Our progress to making freight in the supply chain more sustainable and efficient is due to the vision, commitment and hard work of SmartWay Partners and Affiliates! [Two Decades of Progress: SmartWay Partnership Milestones \(PDF\)](#)(1 pg, 345 K, June 2021, EPA-420-H-21-001). [Click Here to view past webinars and upcoming webinars](#)

Indoor Air Quality

NEW! EPA’s 2022 Award Winner Webinar: Innovative Strategies and Partnerships to Improve Asthma Outcomes Through a Comprehensive Approach

May 24, 2022 | 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET | Click [Here](#) to Register

Learn how the Utah Department of Health Asthma Program—

- Expanded the reach, effectiveness and sustainability of comprehensive asthma control services in Utah.
- Developed partnerships and a screening protocol to address high-risk clients’ social, mental, physical and emotional needs to help control their asthma.
- Established a home-visiting program shown to improve asthma outcomes, including a 75 percent reduction in asthma-related emergency department visits.
- Worked with payers to seek sustainable financing for the Utah Asthma Home Visiting Program, which included conducting a return-on-investment analysis that secured additional funding to expand the program to Medicaid members in rural fee-for-service areas.

EPA Webinar: You Can’t Manage What You Don’t Measure: Monitoring IAQ in Schools for Improved Health

May 19, 2022 | 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm ET | Register [Here](#)

Register for this webinar to learn how to implement cost-effective and comprehensive IAQ monitoring to improve respiratory health of students and staff by reducing air pollutants and asthma triggers, such as viruses, allergens, mold, dust, and others. This webinar will feature best practices used by Boston Public Schools to monitor IAQ and assess ventilation and HVAC systems to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in schools and provide healthy indoor air.

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The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) Released *Allergy Capitals 2022*.

This report ranks the top 100 cities in the continental United States where it is most challenging to live with seasonal pollen allergies, which may worsen chronic respiratory diseases, including asthma. AAFA's report is an annual research and educational project designed to help people recognize, prevent and manage allergy symptoms. It also helps communities see where the needs of people with allergic diseases, like seasonal allergies, can be better met.

Scranton, Pennsylvania, ranks #1 overall again this year. City rankings are based on higher-than-average spring and fall pollen scores, higher-than-average medication usage, and availability of board-certified allergists/immunologists in the area. Visit AsthmaCommunityNetwork.org to see if your city made the list and see what actions you can take to reduce your contact with pollen.

Available Now: An Introduction to Radon Gas in Homes Webinar Recording

EPA's Indoor Environments Division recently hosted a webinar to 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 where to find resources and additional information. A recording of [An Introduction to Radon Gas in Homes](#) is now available online. The recorded webinar features a presentation by Bruce Snead, Director of Engineering Extension at Kansas State University and director of the National Radon Program Services effort for EPA since 2009.

EPA: A Fact Sheet for Tribes on State and Tribal Indoor Radon Grants

EPA's Indoor Environments Division is pleased to announce the [State and Tribal Indoor Radon Grants \(SIRG\) Program Fact Sheet](#). This fact sheet has information on SIRG eligibility, matching requirements, allowable activities, EPA contacts, and more. EPA works collaboratively and values our tribal partnership to support

healthy indoor air quality (IAQ) in tribal communities. We work together to develop tools and resources that address the health and the safety of tribal members when it comes to indoor air quality.

Please visit the [Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Communities](#) or [State Indoor Radon Grants \(SIRG\) Program and Resources](#) pages to learn more and download the fact sheet.

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! Environmental Specialist for the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi Indian's Governmental Operations

Responsible for the Environmental Program to include natural sciences related grant management and implementation, lead fieldwork activities, data management, data analysis, technical report writing, and creating management recommendations. Click [Here](#) for full listing of the position

U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission: Job announcement for an Intergovernmental Specialist-Tribal position within FERC's Office of External Affairs.

This position will work within the State, International, and Public Affairs Division (with Keith and myself) and help us build up our Tribal engagement work. This position works across the Commission in collaboration with numerous program offices such as the newly established Office of Public Participation, the Office of Energy Projects, and the Office of General Counsel's Environmental Justice & Equity Team. [The listing is here on USA Jobs.](#)

Gila River Indian Community: Director, Department of Environmental Quality

Click [Here](#) For Full Job Listing and Click [Here](#) To Apply

The Director is responsible for the overall direction, management, and operations of the Gila River Indian Community's Department of Environmental Quality, whose overall mission is to protect human health by maintaining and improving the quality of the environment in the area of air quality, pesticides, waste management, water quality, and wildlife. This position exercises considerable initiative and independent judgement in representing the Community within its assigned area of responsibilities, including frequent interaction with local and federal agencies. This position is responsible for protecting the Community's sovereign authority, ensuring compliance with the Community's environmental ordinances and federal regulations; establishes departmental policies, goals, and standards of work; financial management, including budget planning, development, monitoring, and record keeping; grants management, including grant writing, review, performance monitoring, and compliance; review and evaluation of departmental systems and programs.

Puget Sound Clean Air Agency: Executive Director

The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) is a special-purpose, regional government agency chartered by state law in 1967. The Agency's jurisdiction covers King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties. These four counties are home to more than 4.1 million people, over half the state's population.

The Executive Director is responsible for strategic and inspirational leadership as well as overall operational management of the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency. The Executive Director serves as a key external face of the Agency, responsible for productive relationships between the Agency and the State Legislature, the State Department of Ecology, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Association of Clean Agencies, and other local air agencies. In addition, the

Executive Director ensures that staff members are aligned with the organization's mission and vision and are working together to successfully achieve strategic objectives.

To Apply or For More Information About the Position. Click [Here](#).

A New fund is asking for donations to help Alaska Native communities facing environmental disasters A new fund is calling for private donations to help Alaska Native communities facing climate change-related disasters. That source of funding will almost certainly not be enough money to fully respond to the environmental disasters that Alaska communities face, but it has at least one advantage over traditional grants. Click [Here](#) For More Information.

TAMS Tribal Air Monitoring Technology Specialist Being Age 55 or Older is Good for The Environment! The Senior Environmental Employment (SEE) Program offers unique opportunities in Scientific, Technical, and Administrative / Office support for individuals aged 55 and over to support the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) through a grant administered program through National Older Worker Career Center (NOWCC). This is a unique program where your talents, expertise and experience will truly be valued. The EPA provides a wonderful work atmosphere, and you'll be working side-by-side with EPA staff that are doing important work every day. Pay & Benefits: Pay rate: \$18.01 /hr. Benefits: Paid Health Insurance Premium if working 30+ hours per week, Paid Vacation, Paid Sick Time, Paid Federal Holidays plus one Individual Holiday, and optional Vision and Dental Insurance available. Must be U.S Citizen and age 55 or older to apply. The duties of this position must be performed onsite at the EPA office location in Las Vegas, NV. For Full Description and to Apply Click [Here](#)

[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](#)**

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

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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](#).

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

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

NEW! EPA Announces Availability of up to \$1.6 Million in Environmental Justice Grants for Tribal Public Participation Project

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced the availability of up to \$1.6 million in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding to support Tribal government efforts to establish or modify programs on environmental justice water and air quality issues. Earlier this year, EPA announced spending plans for the \$100 million in ARP funding appropriated by Congress in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and health outcome disparities, with \$50 million being designated to improve ambient air quality monitoring, and \$50 million designated to address disproportionate environmental or public health harms and risks in underserved communities. Congress made up to \$1.6 million in ARP funding available to Tribes, recognizing the importance of supporting Tribal public engagement programs and related priorities that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. EPA anticipates awarding 16 to 20 grants nationwide in amounts of up to \$100,000 per award.

Applicants interested in this funding opportunity must submit grant proposal packages by **May 19, 2022**. Applicants should plan for projects to begin on **October 1, 2022**. To learn more about the pre-application assistance calls and how to apply for funding, visit: [Environmental Justice Small Grants Program](#).

For more information about EPA's programs in Indian Country, visit: [Environmental Protection in Indian Country](#)

For more information on EPA's Office of Environmental Justice, visit: [Environmental Justice](#).

National Renewable Energy Laboratory

[Department of Energy - Bioenergy Technologies Office](#)

The Bioenergy Technologies Office (BETO) supports groundbreaking technologies to produce fuels, products, and power from biomass and waste resources. BETO is interested in broadening its pool of participants and seeks to fund non-traditional, emerging, and historically underfunded investigators from Minority Serving Institutions. Focus areas of research include Advanced Algal Systems, Advanced Terrestrial waste feedstock technologies, Accelerating catalyst development for biofuel production.

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.

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

**Community Health Worker Training Program (CHWTP)
Department of Health and Human Services
Health Resources and Services Administration**

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=336498>

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is accepting applications for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Community Health Worker and Health Support Worker Training Program (CHWTP). The purpose of this program is to

expand the public health workforce through the training of new Community Health Workers (CHWs) and health support workers and to extend the knowledge and skills of current CHWs and other health support workers. Through this program, HRSA plans to train 13,000 new and current CHWs and other health support workers to support essential public health services and to focus on experiential training and employment through registered apprenticeships and job placements. The CHWTP aims to increase access to care, improve public health emergency response, and address the public health needs of underserved communities.

Individuals trained through the program will acquire knowledge, skills, and expertise to respond to public health needs and public health emergencies, such as the COVID-19 pandemic, in underserved communities through a network of partnerships.

Eligibility

- State governments
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- County governments
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)
- In addition to the 50 states, eligible applicants include the District of Columbia, Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau. Tribes and Tribal organizations may apply for these funds, if otherwise eligible. Foreign entities and individuals are not eligible for this HRSA award.

More information is available at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=336498>

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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