



# **NTAA Weekly Update**

*Week of July 11 – 15, 2022*

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## PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

[Firefighters attempt to save giant sequoias as Yosemite wildfire grows](#)



A firefighter protects a sequoia tree as the Washburn fire burns in Mariposa Grove in Yosemite national park. Photograph: Noah Berger/AP

## NTAA News!

NTAA leadership is excited to be hosting a **FREE SPECIAL WORKSHOP** with [Congresswoman Katie Porter of California](#) and EPA officials during our monthly NTAA Mobile Sources Work Group call to provide help for Tribes to access [EPA's Clean School Bus](#) funding that closes for year one funding on August 19, 2022. EPA is providing \$5 billion nationally with Tribe and Tribal schools prioritized for funding over the next 5 years. The deadline for the first year of funding is August 19, 2022. NTAA will be providing more details on this workshop later this week!

**[The FREE SPECIAL WORKSHOP will take place on Thursday, August 4, 2022 at 1:30 pm ET. Click here to register for and join the free virtual workshop!](#)**

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**[Click here to register](#)**

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NTAA has a [Policy Resource Kit](#) available to Tribes submitting comments **BY TOMORROW** to EPA on their Office of Air and Radiation’s (OAR) National Program Manager’s Guidance for FY 2023-2024. The Draft FY 2023-2024 National Program Guidances (NPGs) are now available for comment through July 14, 2022. To provide your comments on the draft NPGs, please:

- Use NTAA’s [FY 2023-2024 NPG Comments Template \(docx\)](#)
- Send your comments via email, using the template above, to the OAR Key Contacts [Marc Vincent](mailto:vincent.marc@epa.gov) ([vincent.marc@epa.gov](mailto:vincent.marc@epa.gov)) and [Michael Wolfe](mailto:wolfe.michael@epa.gov) ([wolfe.michael@epa.gov](mailto:wolfe.michael@epa.gov))
- Copy OCFO’s [Kathryn \(Blair\) Budd](mailto:budd.kathryn@epa.gov) ([budd.kathryn@epa.gov](mailto:budd.kathryn@epa.gov)) and [Beth Burchard](mailto:burchard.beth@epa.gov) ([burchard.beth@epa.gov](mailto:burchard.beth@epa.gov)).

**Congratulations to the the La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians in EPA Region 9 for their funding from the California Air Resources Board’s (CARB) Supplemental Environmental Project! [La Jolla’s SEP](#) is the first in California to access this sources of funding from CARB. NTAA has a PRK for Tribes in CA who wish to submit an application to CARB. [Learn more here!](#)**

**The National Tribal Air Association’s Executive Committee is having their semi-annual in-person meeting in Flagstaff, AZ that will coincide with ITEP’s 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary events taking place September 13-15.** As part of the celebration, ITEP is hosting a public event shown here. We hope you can join us! To learn more about the keynote speaker, Nicole Horseherder, [learn more here!](#) For More information on ITEP’s 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, visit [www.nau.edu/ITEP30th](http://www.nau.edu/ITEP30th)

**Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals**  
 Celebrating 30 Years of Service to Tribes & Protection of Tribal Lands

**SAVE THE DATE**  
 Wednesday, September 14th, 2022  
 NAU Prochnow Auditorium 7:00pm

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**  
**Nicole Horseherder, Diné**  
 Executive Director, Tó Nizhóní Aní

More information at [www.nau.edu/ITEP30th](http://www.nau.edu/ITEP30th)

**NAU** NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

## **Top Stories**

CNN - [Biden administration takes key step in controversial Alaska oil drilling project](#)

Canary Media – [5 Things to Know About the Supreme Court’s Recent Climate Ruling](#)

Indian Country Today – [First Climate Agreement to Center Indigenous Voices Gains International Support](#)

E&E News - [Hope dims that U.S. can meet 2030 climate goals](#)

E&E News - [Republicans attack return of Obama DOJ settlement deals](#)

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

The Hill - [US emissions inflict almost \\$2T in damage to other countries: study](#)

ABC News - [Wildfire threatening Yosemite sequoias now affecting air quality in San Francisco Bay Area](#)

Capradio - [Northern California wildfires: Where to find updates on air quality, evacuations, and official information](#)

Earthjustice - [Earthjustice Celebrates Reintroduction of Public Health Air Quality Act](#)

E&E News - [Hope dims that U.S. can meet 2030 climate goals](#)

Smithsonian Magazine - [How the Clean Air Act Came to Be: A new Supreme Court ruling curbs the EPA’s ability to regulate carbon pollution under the 1970 legislation](#)

E&E News - [Republicans attack return of Obama DOJ settlement deals](#)

KCLU - [Environmental groups threaten to sue federal government over delays in air pollution control plans](#)

Study Finds - [What’s smog? Almost half of adults are clueless about air pollution](#)

Medical News Today - [Pollution and health: Contaminated soil may lead to heart disease](#)

UW News - [UW study strengthens evidence of link between air pollution and child brain development](#)

Nature World News - [Air Quality in Great Salt Lake May Turn Hazardous Due to Pollution](#)

Stanford News - [Common approach to keeping wildfire smoke out of U.S. homes doesn't work, Stanford study finds. Better policies can help](#)

Center for Biological Diversity - [Lawsuit Launched to Fight EPA's Delay in Reducing Harmful Soot Air Pollution](#)

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

Energy Monitor - [Climate leaders paint gloomy picture on progress since COP26](#)

Inside Climate News - [The International Criminal Court Turns 20 in Turbulent Times. Should 'Ecocide' Be Added to its List of Crimes](#)

Gizmodo - [A Devastating Look at the Impacts of Wildfires Beyond the Burn](#)

The Hill - [Watchdog knocks Trump EPA over transparency in changes to rule on toxic chemicals use](#)

The Hill - [Energy Department announces \\$40M to boost electricity, weatherization in low-income communities](#)

The Washington Post - [As temperatures rise, this research could help cities stay cool](#)

The Week - [How climate change is intensifying this summer's extreme weather](#)

## **Toxics/Mobile Sources**

AP News - [Fears of a Natural Gas Emergency Stalk Europe](#)

CNBC - [U.S. to send another \\$400 million in military aid to Ukraine; Russia hits out at West at G-20](#)

Gothamist - [Sensors carried by cars begin measuring air quality in New York City](#)

Pantagraph – [8 Million Illinoisans Get Drinking Water from a Utility where Forever Chemicals have been Detected, Investigation Finds](#)

## ***Indoor Air Quality***

Architects' Journal - [The Regs: Important new changes to regulation of indoor air quality are now in effect](#)

Peace Arch News – [Keep the Air in Your Home Clean and Safe!](#)

PR Newswire - [Outlook on the Indoor Air Quality Monitor Global Market to 2027 - Rising Popularity of Smart Homes/Ambient Assisted Living is Driving Growth](#)

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

**NEW!** *You can help put the “National” in the National Radon Action Plan.*

The new [National Radon Action Plan 2021–25](#), which was released in January, sets a goal for the nation to find, fix and prevent high indoor radon levels in 8 million buildings by 2025 and prevent at least 3,500 lung cancer deaths per year. The plan revolves around actions that will save lives by fixing existing buildings, constructing new buildings with radon-resistant features, and expand the certified, professional radon workforce. It also spotlights addressing radon as a health equity challenge and prioritizes new strategies to reduce radon risk in underserved communities, particularly low-income populations and communities of color.

The National Radon Action Plan is organized into four priority goal areas, each with some specific strategies and desired outcomes. Implementation of the Plan is overseen by a Leadership Council of fourteen organizations representing the Federal government, states, tribes, industry and non-profits. The diversity of priorities, skills and expertise that each organization brings to the table has greatly enhanced our progress on radon risk reduction since the first version of the Plan was published in 2015. We know that some Tribal air professionals have experiences and lessons learned that can help us reach our shared goals and save lives. We would welcome your participation in one of the four goal area work groups.

Below is a link to a Tribal-specific questionnaire developed by the four goal area work groups to get a better sense of what is occurring or has occurred on Tribal lands as it pertains to radon. Any input you are willing to share is greatly appreciated and will help guide some of the work being conducted as part of the plan. Your participation and time in answering the questions is also greatly appreciated. We kindly ask you to complete the questionnaire by **July 13**. [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NRAP Tribes](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NRAP_Tribes)

## **NEW! Don't Miss Out! Order Your Burn Wise Education Materials by July 29**

Unfortunately, EPA's mailing service contract for Burn Wise educational materials is ending later this summer. What does this mean for you? If you believe you will need any Burn Wise materials this Fall or Winter, it is imperative to place your order now by clicking [here](#) in order to ensure a timely response. Order ALL the materials you need for upcoming residential wood smoke outreach (e.g., Fall Wood Smoke Awareness Campaign, changeout program, tabling at a community event) by July 29. We expect to have a new mailing system in place by next Spring.

**The White House Council on Native American Affairs (WHCNAA) invites you to [meet](#) with WHCNAA leadership on July 18, 2022, 2:00pm – 3:30pm EST to discuss WHCNAA Tribal Homelands Initiatives.**

**Date: Monday, July 18th**

**Time: 2:00 PM EST**

**RSVP Link: [https://pitc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_-FIW8GoERTCHTJWPsqxSCQ](https://pitc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_-FIW8GoERTCHTJWPsqxSCQ)**

***View the Dear Tribal Leader Letter [HERE](#)***

As WHCNAA co-chair, U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Deb Haaland will convene the virtual Tribal engagement session with U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack and other senior Biden-Harris Administration officials. Secretary Vilsack and Secretary Haaland represent the leadership of the WHCNAA Committee on Climate Change, Tribal Homelands, and Treaties.

The Tribal leader engagement session will focus on the Nov. 15, 2021, Joint Secretarial Order 3403 between USDA and DOI on Fulfilling the Trust Responsibility to Indian Tribes in the Stewardship of Federal Lands and Waters, the 2021 Tribal Treaty Rights MOU, the 2021 Sacred Sites MOU, and other land-related initiatives such as the fee to trust regulations at 25 C.F.R. Part 151, Tribal relocation efforts, and Indigenous Knowledge. The Committee leadership will provide the status of implementation for these policy documents and discuss how Tribal leaders play a role in the policies' execution.

### Background Materials

- [Dear Tribal Leader Letter](#)
- [Joint Secretarial Order on Fulfilling the Trust Responsibility to Indian Tribes in the Stewardship of Federal Lands and Waters](#)
- [Tribal Treaty Rights MOU](#)
- [Sacred Sites MOU](#)

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- [Click here](#) to view the program guidance and a list of eligible/priority applicants.
- [Click here](#) to begin the 2022 Clean School Bus Rebate Application process.
- [Click here](#) to sign-up for the Clean School Bus News listserv and add [cleanschoolbus@epa.gov](mailto:cleanschoolbus@epa.gov) to your email contacts to guarantee you receive regular program updates and 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](mailto:cleanschoolbus@epa.gov) with any questions or feedback to improve the program.

**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!

**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](mailto:colon.toni@epa.gov)) and/or Loren Fox ([fox.loren@epa.gov](mailto: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](mailto:Andy.Bessler@nau.edu) if you have any questions about any call!

<b>EPA Policy Call:</b> Call in to hear updates from EPA on policies, actions, and tools relevant to Indian Country and Air Quality.	July 28 Thursday, 2 pm ET
<b>Mobile Sources Work Group:</b> This monthly work group addresses all mobile source pollution issues. <a href="#">1</a>	Thursday, August 4, 1:30 pm ET
<b>IAQ Work Group:</b> Join the bi-monthly calls of the NTAA IAQ work group. The call this week has been cancelled, so next call will take place on June 16 <sup>th</sup> at 2pm ET.	August 18 Thursday, 2 pm ET
<b>Wood Smoke Work Group:</b> Join this work group every other month to address wood smoke issues in Indian Country.	July 26 Thursday, 2 pm ET
<b>Alaska Air Work Group:</b> Join this work group to hear updates from EPA and Alaskans working on air quality. Contact <a href="mailto:andy.bessler@nau.edu">andy.bessler@nau.edu</a> to join the call!	Thursday July 27, 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! Brownfields Conference Keynote Speaker: Dr. Jonathan Reichental**

*August 18th, 2022, / [Register Here](#)*

Dr. Jonathan Reichental is a multiple-award-winning technology and business leader whose career has spanned both the private and public sectors. He's been a senior software engineering manager, a director of technology innovation, and has served as chief information officer at both O'Reilly Media and the City of Palo Alto, California. Reichental is currently the founder of advisory, investment, and education firm, Human Future, and also creates online education for LinkedIn Learning. He has written three books on the future of cities: Smart Cities for Dummies, Exploring Smart Cities Activity Book for Kids, and Exploring Cities Bedtime Rhymes.

Cosponsored by the EPA and ICMA, Brownfields 2022 will be taking place:  
**August 16-19, 2022 in Oklahoma City, OK**

### **Clean Energy Group Webinar: Scaling Up Solar – The Montgomery County Green Bank and Sunnova's Low-and Moderate-Income Solar Pilot Program**

*July 7, 2022, / 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm EDT / [Register Here](#)*

Earlier this year, the Montgomery County Green Bank launched a new \$600K low-and moderate-income (LMI) solar pilot program to test a different approach to solar access in LMI communities. The pilot includes a dual track (ownership and third party-owned) and an innovative third party owned pricing structure with solar company Sunnova.

During this webinar hosted by the Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA), Tom Deyo, Chief Executive Officer of the Montgomery County Green Bank (MCGB) and Stephen Morel, its Chief Investment Officer will present the structure and the initial results of the pilot. Bert Hunter, Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer of the Connecticut Green Bank, and Secretary of the Board of Directors of MCGB will moderate a Q&A to help viewers better grasp differences and similarities with the CT Solar for All program that is the focus of CESA's

[Scaling Up Solar for Under-Resourced Communities Project](#). CESA Project Director Vero Bourg-Meyer will host.

### **U.S Department of Energy Better Building Webinar: Financing Solutions that Drive Energy Efficiency in the Water Nexus**

*July 12, 2022, | 11:00 am ET | [Register Here](#)*

The efficient use of water results in lower operating costs, a more reliable water supply, and improved water quality. Join to learn how market leaders in the hospitality sector finance and deploy projects that tackle energy efficiency and the water conservation nexus.

### **EPA Webinar: Building Performance Standards Development and Implementation**

*July 12, 2022, | 1:00 PM ET | [Register Here](#)*

EPA and the Department of Energy (DOE) are hosting a collaborative webinar series designed to support state and local agencies interested in learning more about designing and implementing building performance standards. This webinar will introduce the teams at EPA and DOE, discuss relevant subnational goals and processes, and dig a little deeper into available resources and technical assistance.

### **U.S. Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy Webinars: Organizing for the Transition to a Cleaner and More Sustainable Energy Future**

*July 13, 2022, | 1:00 PM ET | [Register Here](#)*

Hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy, the 2022 Tribal Energy Webinar Series will focus on how tribes can position themselves to participate in the energy transition to the benefit of their communities and future generations.

The realities of climate change and the goals of the Biden Administration provide significant support for tribes who choose to lead the transition to a more sustainable energy future. The opportunities are growing and accelerating; how can tribes position themselves to take advantage of and benefit from those opportunities? This webinar will provide some ideas.

### **U.S. Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy Webinars: Energy Access and Reliability on Tribal Lands Virtual Listening Session**

*July 28, 2022, | 1:00 PM ET | [Register Here](#)*

This virtual listening session, hosted by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy, will explore challenges and potential solutions related to energy access and reliability on tribal lands. The goal is to gather important insight directly from Native Nations regarding the current status of unelectrified homes and electricity reliability issues facing tribal communities.

The Energy Act of 2020 included specific requirements for DOE to conduct research and report back to Congress on these topics. In accordance with that Act, the Office of Indian Energy is hosting this listening session to provide tribal

leaders and staff from energy, planning, natural resources, and other relevant departments the opportunity to make recommendations on the report.

This is a follow-up to the first listening session the Office of Indian Energy hosted in November 2021; however, attendance at the first session is not a prerequisite to participate in this one. During this listening session, the Office of Indian Energy will discuss the results of the questionnaire conducted during the first session and share findings from the report to date.

Please note that there is a capacity limit for this listening session of 500 participants. Tribes and tribal staff will be given priority to attend if the capacity limit is reached.

### **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***

**Coming Soon!!**

**EPA's Diesel Emissions Reduction Act Funding for 2022 Tribal and Insular Area Request for Applications**

EPA anticipates awarding approximately \$8 million in DERA funding under this announcement. A total of \$7 million will be made available to tribal governments (or intertribal consortia) and Alaska Native Villages, and \$1 million will be made available to insular area governments. This year's Request for Applications (RFA) has no mandatory cost share requirement .

Although funding for both tribes and insular areas is planned under this single RFA, the applications will be competed separately. Tribal applications will

be reviewed, ranked and selected by one review panel, and insular area applications will be reviewed, ranked and selected by a separate review panel. EPA's ten regional offices will manage awards. The number and size of cooperative agreements made under this announcement are subject to the availability of funds, the quality of applications received, and other considerations. [Coming Soon: 2022 DERA Tribal and Insular Area RFA Flyer \(pdf\)](#) (June 2022) Please download this flyer to share with other potential applicants.

### **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<sub>x</sub>) 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! National Radon Training Event in Seattle, Washington**

October 24 – 26, 2022, / [Register Here](#)

The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors invites you to join us for our National Radon Training Event in Seattle, Washington October 24 – 26, 2022. It's an exciting time as we get to meet again in person!

### **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](http://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.

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

## **RESOURCES & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### **State Air Resources Board is hiring for Tribal Affairs Liaison and Community Engagement Specialist Air Pollution Specialist**

**Final Filing Date: 07/23/2022**

The Tribal Affairs Liaison and Community Engagement Specialist will update CARB's Tribal Relations website and listserv to ensure tribes are also informed on upcoming and current CARB policies, programs, and regulations. The Tribal Affairs Liaison and Community Engagement Specialist will also draft the annual CalEPA Tribal Activities Report, coordinate with CARB's Tribal Coordinators in each CARB division, update the Tribal Consultation Policy as needed, and attend important tribal meetings (meetings with tribes, Tribal Advisory Committee, CalEPA Tribal Liaison, and Governor's Office Tribal Liaison meetings, Native American Day, etc.). The Tribal Affairs Liaison and Community Engagement Specialist will perform duties such as coordinating outreach with priority communities and tribes via tours and listening sessions, as well as working closely with CARB divisions to partner with environmental justice communities and tribes that should be engaged in the development of CARB policies, regulations, and procedures. The Tribal Affairs Liaison and Community Engagement Specialist will also oversee CARB's Environmental Justice blog and newsletter to ensure that environmental justice communities and tribes are informed of CARB's upcoming events—as well as other agencies and organizations' events as it relates to environmental justice.

For Information about Job Requirements and Application Process follow the following link. Job posting is up for Tribal Affairs Liaison and Community Engagement Specialist – you can see it here (or scroll below)

<https://www.calcareers.ca.gov/CalHrPublic/Jobs/JobPosting.aspx?JobControlId=313059>

**The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) Tribes and Climate Change Program** is excited to announce another summer internship opportunity with the Tanana Chiefs Conference working with the Henshaw weir doing salmon restoration work in Alaska. This position is open until filled and



begins as soon as possible and goes through the end of August. Interested candidates should send a resume and letter of interest to [Kelsey.Morales@nau.edu](mailto:Kelsey.Morales@nau.edu)

**The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is looking for experienced communicators to be part of its community involvement program.** The program is responsible for engaging communities near its federal Superfund hazardous waste cleanup sites throughout the cleanup process. Many communities near these cleanup sites are underserved and face many environmental burdens. The community involvement program aims to give community members the information they need to make informed decisions about their health and environment and constructively engage with EPA during cleanups.

Ideal candidates have:

- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Ability to collaborate and build partnerships across organizations and connect at the individual level
- Experience preparing public-facing written materials (like fact sheets), website content and/or other outreach materials for diverse audiences
- Experience developing and implementing community outreach strategies

**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](#)

**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!](#)

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

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

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Click [Here](#) For More Information

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### **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](mailto:smoketech@epa.gov).

**Now Open: [2022 Clean School Bus Rebate Program](#)**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law of 2021 authorizes EPA to offer rebates to replace existing school buses with clean and zero-emission (ZE) models. The 2022 Clean School Bus (CSB) Rebates process includes SAM.gov account registration, application submission, review and selection by EPA, purchase order submission and request for payment, payment receipt, new bus delivery and old bus replacement, and close out. The program guidance and application process differ from prior EPA school bus rebate programs in many ways, so please review the summary of program requirements below and the detailed Program Guide before proceeding. [Clean School Bus Rebate Program Online Rebate Application Information](#)

**Important Dates**

Activity	Date
2022 Clean School Bus (CSB) Rebates open. EPA begins accepting online application submissions <a href="#">here</a> .	May 20, 2022 – August 19, 2022
EPA reviews applications and begins the selection process.	September 2022
EPA notifies applicants of selection status and posts list of applicants and selectees online. Selectees can proceed with purchasing new buses and eligible infrastructure.	October 2022
Selectees submit Payment Request Forms with purchase orders demonstrating that new buses and eligible infrastructure have been ordered.	October 2022 – April 2023
Project period deadline for selectees to receive new buses, install eligible infrastructure, replace old buses, and submit Close Out Forms.	October 2024

**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](mailto: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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