



National Tribal Air Association

NTAA Weekly Update

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TOP STORIES

Washington Post - [Pruitt to EPA employees: 'We don't have to choose' between jobs and the environment](#)

The New York Times – [Senate Confirms Scott Pruitt as E.P.A. Head](#)

PBS News hour - [Native Americans brace for impact as EPA undergoes changes](#)

NPR - [How the EPA Became a Victim of Its Own Success](#)

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

New York Times - [The Pruitt Emails: E.P.A. Chief Was Arm in Arm With Industry](#)

Politico – [Five things Pruitt can do to cripple the EPA](#)

Energy Wire - [Inside the buried memo that could decide pipeline's fate](#)

CNN - [Deadline to leave Dakota Access Pipeline site draws near for protesters](#)

Indianz.com - [Bureau of Indian Affairs issues 'trespass' notice to #NoDAPL camp](#)

Native Sun News Today - [Two oil companies involved in DAPL experience spills and explosions](#)

Indianz.com - [Standing Rock leader vows to 'forgive' but keep fighting after White House slight](#)

Huffington Post - [Investors Urge Banks To Support Rerouting Dakota Access Pipeline](#)

Miami News Record - [Remediation work at Tar Creek Superfund Site Beaver Creek completed](#)

Ahwatukee Foothills News - [21 tribes seek intervention in freeway case](#)

Arizona Daily Star - [Tohono O'odham leaders: Trump's wall won't rise on tribal borderland](#)

National Association of Clean Air Agencies – [Washington Update](#)

Climate Change/Energy

CNN - [Scientists highlight deadly health risks of climate change](#)

CBS News - [How climate change is transforming the world's food supply](#)

AP - [Maple Syrup Producers Face Challenges in Warming World](#)

Climate Central - [Humans Are Changing Climate Faster Than Natural Forces](#)

Climate Central - [Wind Briefly Sets Record as Source for Electricity in U.S.](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Detroit News - [Judge OKs VW deal to spend \\$1.2B more on diesel fix](#)

Los Angeles Times - [Some VW customers are still waiting for their buybacks, 4 months after court approval](#)

Indoor Air Quality

KTDI News - [Radon conference to be held in Kansas](#)

Consumer Reports – [Is It Safe to Buy a Home with an Elevated Radon Level?](#)

Yahoo Finance - [Air Filtration for Museums - Why Air Quality in Museums is a Big Deal, says Camfil](#)

Photos from the field

E&E News - [Pruitt questions agency's authority to regulate carbon](#)



Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito swears in EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt as Pruitt's family looks on. Photo courtesy of @EPAScottPruitt via Twitter.

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UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA

NTAA Upcoming Calls. The toll-free number is 1-800-309-2350. If you do not need to call toll free, or would like to help conserve NTAA funding, you can call 1-805-309-2350. Both numbers use code 928-523-0526#.

Contact Andy.Bessler@nau.edu if you have any questions about any call!

<p>2017 STAR Work Group Help NTAA draft and publish the next Status of Tribal Air Report. <i>Tribal photos wanted for 2017 STAR. Please submit to NTAA staff Elaine Wilson at Elaine.Wilson@nau.edu</i></p>	<p>On the following Wednesdays at 1pm ET: February 22nd, March 8, March 22, and March 29</p>
<p>NTAA/EPA Policy Update NTAA and EPA host a monthly call to update Tribal Air Programs.</p>	<p>Thursday, February 23rd, 2pm ET</p>
<p>Indoor Air Quality Work Group Work Group members will discuss the final results</p>	<p>Monday, March 6, 2pm ET</p>

of the IAQ National Needs Assessment that just closed as well as discuss the next IAQ Webinar and IAQ discussions at the NTFAQ.	
VW Settlement Work Group Receive updates and discuss the next steps in this settlement.	Thursday, March 9, 2pm ET
NTAA/EPA Policy Call Receive updates from the EPA as related to the NTAA and Tribal Air Policy	Thursday, March 30, 2pm ET

Join the National Wildfire Coordinating Group's Smoke Committee for a webinar hosted by The Nature Conservancy on February 23, 2017 at 1 pm Eastern Standard Time to explore how smoke impacts from wildland fire can affect indoor air quality.

Presenters: *Kris Ray* from the Air Quality Program of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation will share his experience monitoring indoor air quality during the 2015 wildfire season, and *Dr. Shelly Miller* from the University of Colorado will share her findings on the effectiveness of air cleaning devices and weatherization for protecting indoor air quality during smoke events.

Connection Instructions:

Indoor Air Quality During Wildland Fires: Experience and Research Webinar

Thursday, February 23, 2017

10:00 Pacific / 11:00 Mountain / noon Central / 1:00 Eastern Standard

[Click here to join meeting](#)

Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes.

Meeting number: 649 954 056

Meeting password: February23

To join by phone: 1-240-454-0879. This is a US Toll call

Global call in numbers:

<https://tnc.webex.com/tnc/globalcallin.php?serviceType=MC&ED=529774522&toIIFree=0>

To add this meeting to your calendar, use the following link. (Cannot add from mobile devices.)

<https://tnc.webex.com/tnc/j.php?MTID=me58322c0ee9a175aad4de898547dc580>

The TAMS Center is announcing a Call for Nominations for the Virgil Masayesva Tribal Air Programs Excellence Award

(<http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tams/>) and for three (3) positions on the TAMS

Steering Committee (<http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tams/SCommittee/>). The TAMS Center will be accepting nominations until March 10, 2017.

Please feel free to contact the TAMS Center (702-784-8278/8263/8264) if you have any questions.

NTAA/EPA Webinar Series: National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)

The National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are co-hosting a three-part webinar series on the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for tribal air agencies.

Under the Clean Air Act (CAA), the EPA is required to set national air quality standards (NAAQS) and review those standards every five years for six common air pollutants (also known as “criteria” air pollutants). There are NAAQS for ground-level ozone (O₃); particulate matter (PM); carbon monoxide (CO), lead (Pb), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), and nitrogen dioxide (NO₂).

These criteria air pollutants are found all across the United States and can harm your health, the environment, and cause property damage.

In this webinar series, you will learn how the EPA: 1) sets, reviews and revises the primary (health) and secondary (environmental) standards; 2) designate areas that are meeting or not meeting these standards; and 3) works with areas to meet and maintain these standards. You will also hear from tribal environmental professionals on their perspectives and experiences with the NAAQS regulatory, designations, and implementation process.

During each 1 ½ hour webinar, there will be an overview presentation of the topic followed by a question and answer session.

Webinar #3: NAAQS - Implementation

(This session will discuss how to attain & maintain the NAAQS and what role the tribes can play in the implementation process.)

Date: Monday, March 20, 2017

Time: 2:00 – 3:30 PM EST

Participant Dial-in Number: (800) 309-5450

Conference ID: 43783074

Webinar Link: <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/naaqs-implement>

How to Participate: You do not need to register in advance for these webinars. To participate, please click on the webinar link at the date and time shown above. Audio for the webinar will be delivered through the phone line. It is recommended that you call in 15 minutes before the webinar’s start time to ensure your participation.

To Join a Webinar: Click on the link and follow these instructions:

1. Click “Enter as a Guest”
2. Type in your first & last name and organization
3. Click “Enter Room”
4. You will be in the room!

Make sure to use the participant call in number and conference ID for audio

If you have never attended an Adobe Connect meeting before, we highly recommend that you test your

connection: http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm

We look forward to your participation and encourage you to share this invitation with others in the tribal community who may be interested. Information about the NAAQS can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/criteria-air-pollutants#self> and <https://www.epa.gov/criteria-air-pollutants/process-reviewing-national-ambient-air-quality-standards>.

For questions about the webinars, please contact Andy Bessler at andy.bessler@nau.edu or Toni Colón at colon.toni@epa.gov

Registration for the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ) is now open! The National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ) provides an opportunity to meet, exchange ideas, and discuss current topics relevant to tribes in air quality and climate change.

Registration: Click [HERE](#) for registration details.

Scholarships: ITEP will provide a limited number of scholarships to cover eligible travel expenses for tribal employees. Requests must be made using the online scholarship request form no later than March 15, 2017. For more information on scholarships, see the “Scholarships” tab [HERE](#).

Presentations, Training Sessions, Posters and Exhibits: We want to hear from YOU at this conference! If you are interested in presenting a project or giving a training session or otherwise sharing your experience, please let us know! Presentation abstracts and Eco-Café Session requests are now being accepted! All request forms can be found on the [NTFAQ website](#).

Exhibitor, Sponsorship & Advertising Opportunities: Is your organization or company interested in becoming a sponsor for the NTFAQ? Help enhance the conference, get noticed, and make your mark by signing on to be a top-level sponsor! Details and pricing options are available on the [NTFAQ website](#).

Pre-Conference Sessions: The following sessions and are being planned for Monday, May 1, 8am-5pm. Pre-registration is required; tribal travel scholarships may be available. For details and registration forms, see the [NTFAQ Website](#).

- VW Settlement Training & Workshop (details TBD)

- Radon Technical Training (details TBD)
- Clean Air Training (details TBD)
- Indoor Air Quality Demonstrations (details TBD)

Agenda: The agenda for this dynamic conference is still being developed, but you can expect to find the following:

- Air quality and health impacts
- Climate Change and Tribes
- Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)
- Networking and information-sharing sessions
- NTAA Annual Membership Meeting
- And much more!!!

Hotel/Logistics: The 2017 NTFAQ will be held at the Casino del Sol in Tucson, Arizona. Details on the conference lodging, air travel, shuttle, and other logistics can be found on the [NTFAQ website](#). Check out nau.edu/ntfaq for more information and updates!

2017 TRIBAL EXCHANGE NETWORK CONFERENCE

Viejas Casino & Resort, Alpine, California, February 28-March 1, 2017
(Post-conference workshop sessions are being planned for March 2, 2017!)

The Tribal Exchange Network Conference provides tribal professionals, and those working with tribes, an opportunity to meet and learn about current initiatives, funding, and technical topics related to the [Exchange Network](#). Come and share your experiences or to learn from and network with other tribal professionals! For more details, please visit the website at www.tribalexchangenetwork.org. Click [HERE](#) to download a DRAFT Conference Agenda--updates will be posted periodically. If you have suggestions for topics or presentations, please contact [ITEP](#).

Visit www.tribalexchangenetwork.org for travel details and other updates regarding the Conference.

The U.S. EPA 2017 International Emission Inventory Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore on the Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, MD August 14-18, 2017. This conference will focus on how emission inventories meet the challenges posed by improving emissions inventory science and also streamline inventory creation processes to improve the resulting inventories. [Click here](#) to learn more about the conference and how to submit abstracts.

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals' (ITEP's) [Tribes and Climate Change Calendar](#) includes conferences, trainings, webinars and other events related to tribes and climate change. [Click here](#) for ITEP's other trainings and events. [Click here](#) for ITEP's new Tribal Environmental Management and Planning Online Courses. New courses have been added, so check it out!

ITEP's [2017 AIAQTP Course Schedule](#)

ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program Course Calendar:

Course Title	Dates	Location
2017		
Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants	February 22-24	Phoenix, AZ
Air Pollution Technology	March 13-17	Flagstaff, AZ
Fundamentals of Air Monitoring (for lower 48)	April 4-6	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Introduction to Tribal Air Quality	June 6-9	Flagstaff, AZ
Quality Assurance (QA) Fundamentals	Open	Online
Building Performance: Improving Energy Efficiency & IAQ in Cold Climates	Open	Online
Radon Fundamentals	Open	Online
Emissions Inventory - Fundamentals	2017	Online
Emissions Inventory - Advanced	2017	Online
Disaster Planning for Air Quality	2017	Online

Note: This schedule is subject to change. [Click here](#) for up-to-date information, course descriptions, and applications. If you have questions regarding the pre-requisites or your eligibility for this course, please contact Patricia Ellsworth, Air Quality Curriculum Coordinator, at Patricia.Ellsworth@nau.edu or phone 928-523-6721. For more information, please visit [ITEP's website](#).

Climate Change / Energy

Toxic / Mobile Sources

Indoor Air Quality

U.S. EPA is coordinating a workshop on residential wood heating (RWH) issues and strategies in Atlanta, GA on Feb. 28 – March 3, 2017.

This workshop will be held in conjunction with the Hearth, Patio and Barbeque Association Trade Show and is being coordinated by EPA and NESCAUM. We anticipate participation by state, local, tribal, federal and non-profit organization colleagues, who will present and discuss wood heating/combustion program issues, opportunities, challenges and lessons learned. A draft agenda is attached to this email.

Workshop participants will also have the opportunity to see firsthand various hearth technologies, many of them burning wood, wood pellets and gas and meet with industry representatives. The meeting is being held in Atlanta, GA, in conjunction with the Hearth, Patio and Barbeque Association Trade Show. Below is logistics information and a draft meeting agenda. You can register for this event at: <http://atlantameeting.eventzilla.net>

EPA is looking for volunteers to present information on their wood smoke reduction efforts at this workshop. If you would like to present, please contact Larry Brockman (brockman.larry@epa.gov) or Lisa Rector (lrector@nescalum.org). Also if you have suggestions for agenda items, please let us know. FYI, space is limited and will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. Who should attend?

The meeting is intended for state, local, tribal, federal and non-profit organization personnel who are interested in learning about and discussing residential wood combustion program issues, opportunities, challenges and lessons learned. In addition, workshop participants will have the opportunity to see firsthand various advanced hearth technologies, many of them burning wood, wood pellets and gas. How do I register?

Registration occurs at <http://atlantameeting.eventzilla.net>, there is no cost to register. You are welcome to attend all or some of the sessions. DO NOT register through the Hearth, Patio and Barbecue Association's EXPO website. However, we would encourage you to check out the website to provide background on the EXPO: <http://hpbexpo.com/>

Where should I stay?

There is a block of rooms reserved at the Residence Inn Downtown Atlanta (134 Peachtree Street NW) at the federal government rate of \$148/night until Wednesday, February 15. [Click here to book your group rate under "FGE](#)

[EPA](#)". If you have any troubles booking a room, contact Amanda Britt with the Residence Inn at 404-522-0950.

EPA offers free *IAQ Tools for Schools* resources—including the [School IAQ Assessment Mobile App](#)—to help schools maintain a healthy indoor environment by identifying, correcting and preventing IAQ problems. Learn more about the *IAQ Tools for Schools* guidance and access other valuable school environmental health resources at www.epa.gov/iaq-schools.

If you have any questions about the *IAQ Tools for Schools* guidance, please contact the *IAQ Tools for Schools* Connector Coordinator at iaqschools@epa.gov.

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RESOURCES

Now Hiring!

Southern Ute Senior Environmental Compliance Specialist – Air Quality

Position Summary: Responsible for providing technical and regulatory support toward achieving air quality compliance throughout the Growth Fund and its business enterprises. This position works independently to perform broad air quality tasks of a complex scope including rule interpretation, permitting, and auditing.

Job ID: 16044

Job Location: Durango, CO

Closing Date: 5pm MST February 26, 2017

How to Apply: Please apply online at <https://careers.southernute.com/sugf>

Southern Ute Environmental Compliance Specialist

Position Summary: Responsible for working independently or with limited supervision to perform broad environmental tasks of complex scope within one or more disciplines (water, reclamation, or National Environmental Policy Act). This would include permit submittals and modifications, writing environmental specifications and plans, auditing and field work.

Job ID: 16046

Job Location: Durango, CO

Closing Date: 5pm MST February 26, 2017

How to Apply: Please apply online at <https://careers.southernute.com/sugf>

Southern Ute Environmental Compliance Specialist

Position Summary: Under direct supervision of the Exploration & Production (E&P) Manager oversees the oil and gas compliance program for the Department of Energy. Conducts environmental and reclamation inspections in a variety of aspects of oil and gas development. Drafts permits, conditions of approval, remediation actions and other documents; ensures compliance with applicable Tribal and Federal stipulations and regulations associated with energy-related projects. Responds to spills and provides oversight of remediation actions.

Job ID: 16049

Job Location: Ignacio, CO

Closing Date: 5pm MST on March 10, 2017

How to Apply: Please apply online at <https://careers.southernute.com/sugf>

Clark County, NV, Air Quality Supervisor

About the Position: The Air Quality Supervisor plans, supervises, and coordinates program activities within the Department of Air Quality's operational division, i.e., permitting, enforcement, compliance, and Air Quality Program technical support.

Closing Date: March 3, 2017

Job Number: 12870

More Information: <http://www.clarkcountynv.gov/human-resources/Pages/EmploymentOpportunities.aspx>

Tribal Relations Intern, Kaibab National Forest

Position Type: Internship

Open until: filled

Wage: \$13.75/hour

Location: Williams, Arizona

[Click here for more information](#)

Description: The Kaibab National Forest (KNF) is seeking to fill one (1) intern position responsible for assisting the Tribal Relations program with a wide variety of tasks associated with consultation and coordination with tribal governments. The incumbent reports directly to the Tribal Relations Program Manager (TRPM). Work will be focused on supporting the government-to-government

consultation process between the KNF and tribes, and working directly with tribal partners on field projects under the supervision of the TRPM. In addition, the incumbent will assist the Forest Botany program to compile data on culturally-important plant species, and work closely with the Forest Public Affairs program to develop public information products for the Forest. While no previous tribal relations experience is required for this position, the incumbent should have strong written and verbal communications skills, and a desire to work with tribes and other partners on a wide variety of projects. Additional information on the Kaibab's Tribal Relations program can be found at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/kaibab/workingtogether/tribalrelations>

Qualifications:

- Strong communication skills (verbal and written)
- Ability to work with a diverse range of stakeholders and partners
- Ability to work in a team environment and demonstrate good work ethic
- Basic knowledge of tribes and land management issues related to tribes

Housing: Not guaranteed for this position.

Application Instructions:

1. Go to iicinternships.com
2. Click on the IIC Application on the right hand side. This will download a word document of the IIC Internship Application.
3. Fill in the application (this can be done on your computer).
4. Save application and email it to Mike Lyndon mlyndon@fs.fed.us, in the subject line put IIC INTERNSHIP APPLICATION. You can also print your application and bring it to Miranda Gubler at the IIC offices.

Submit IIC application, resume, transcripts, and statement of interest.

Applications must be received by ***April 15***.

Contact Information:

- Mike Lyndon, Tribal Relations Program Manager, (928) 635-8272, mlyndon@fs.fed.us

ALL IIC INTERNSHIPS MUST BE TIED TO AN ACADEMIC CREDIT such as: Departmental internships, EDGE, Practicums, UNIV-2890, Etc.

2017 ITEP Student Summer Internship

Apply now for an 8-week summer internship. Spend your summer working with tribal organizations to address tribal environmental issues. The internships have a

technical, educational or policy focus. The internship program provides each student intern with a stipend, and limited housing and travel allowances. Host sites are selected from tribal environmental organizations, government offices, the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and others. Descriptions of the host sites will be found on the website after January 31, 2017.

Eligible students must meet the following:

- US Citizen
- Full-time undergraduate or graduate college student during Spring 2017 (12 hours undergrad, 9 hours grad) at any tribal college, college or university
- Have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Majoring in an environmental or related field like science, engineering, planning, policy, law, management, political science, anthropology, or health
- Interested in pursuing an environmental career after graduating
- Proficient verbal and written communication skills
- Strong interest in working with Native American tribes or topics

To apply, submit an online application plus additional materials that are described on the website.

Deadline: February 28, 2017

Website: www.nau.edu/itepinterns

Questions? Contact Mansel Nelson at Mansel.Nelson@nau.edu or 928-523-1275

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Alliance for Green Heat - [New AGH zip code search for stove incentive programs](#)

Thinking about upgrading your wood or pellet stove? These tips can help you make an affordable choice. Our zip code search lets you find stove change-out and incentive programs in your area. If your stove is 20 years old or more, it's time to try out a new one.

Shipboard Science Workshop for Educators on Lake Huron

This July, 15 educators from the Great Lakes region will get the chance to experience a once-in-a-lifetime professional development opportunity onboard the R/V Lake Guardian on Lake Huron! The educators will work side-by-side with scientists participating in Great Lakes research. Please note that participants will be

selected to provide regional, geographic, and ethnic diversity. **We encourage applicants who are Native American or members of groups underrepresented in science; and/or who teach significant numbers of students in these groups.**

- Application deadline is February 27, 2017.
- The cruise takes place from July 8-14, 2017.

Learn more here: <http://www.cgll.org/opportunities/lake-huron-2017-shipboard-science-workshop-time-to-register/>

Aboard the cruise, educators will:

- live and work alongside Great Lakes scientists using state of the art techniques and equipment to monitor phytoplankton, zooplankton, benthic organisms and water quality
- explore the Lake Huron's biology, geology, chemistry, and human impacts
- learn about and try out Great Lakes and ocean literacy classroom activities
- build new professional networks with like-minded teachers and scientists
- visit the NOAA Marine Sanctuary

Apply Online Here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LakeGuardian2017>

Climate Change/Energy

ITEP's Tribal Climate Change Newsletter: This monthly newsletter provides news items, resources, announcements about funding opportunities, conferences, and training, and other information relevant to tribal climate change issues.

Roots of Wisdom: Native Knowledge. Shared Science.

Over countless years living on the same land, Native peoples have observed and managed their local environments. Today, Native communities around the world face many challenges to their ecosystems and their health, but they have found innovative solutions through combining traditional knowledge, passed down through generations, with modern science to meet these challenges. *Roots of Wisdom: Native Knowledge. Shared Science*, a traveling banner exhibition developed by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI), features inspiring stories of ecological restoration from four Indigenous communities: Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Tulalip Tribes, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and the Waikalua Loko Fishpond Preservation Society in Hawaii.

As Native people restore their environments, they are revitalizing their cultural traditions and heritage - and offering answers to other communities.

The exhibition was developed, produced, and circulated by: Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service and Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian. [Click here for more information.](#)

Toxics / Mobile Sources

Indoor Air Quality

U.S. HUD's 2017 Secretary's Awards for Healthy Homes call for nominations!

ABOUT THE AWARD: The purpose of the Award is to provide a national platform to showcase results achieved under a wide range of housing and indoor environmental health programs. The Award highlights some of the nation's most significant work on the relationship between living environments and resident health, and helps to lay the foundation for future healthy homes work.

Dates and Deadlines:

- Online applications will open February 2.
- Submission deadline is 11:59 pm, PST March 15.
- Applicants will be notified of status in May.

For more information, [follow this link.](#)

U.S. HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) Code Talk:
[Codetalk Homepage:](#)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund Tribal Heritage Grants

Closing date for applications is **March 24, 2017**. [Find more information here.](#)
Grants awarded are between \$5,000-\$60,000.

U.S. EPA Air Grants and Funding:

EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) announces competitive funding announcements for projects and programs relating to [air quality](#), [transportation](#), [climate change](#), [indoor air](#) and other related topics. [This page](#) provides access to information about current funding opportunities under 'Open Announcements' and also provides as a reference tool, all previously

announced funding announcements listed below and in archives under ‘Closed Announcements’.

Climate Change/Energy

DOE SunShot Initiative Launches Challenge to Expand Solar Access to More Communities, Including Tribes

In an effort to make solar energy more accessible for every American, the DOE SunShot Initiative has launched the \$5 million Solar in Your Community Challenge, a new prize competition that aims to improve solar electricity access for low- and moderate-income households; state, local, and tribal governments; and nonprofit organizations.

The Solar in Your Community Challenge encourages the development of innovative financial and business models that serve low- and moderate-income communities that may have been left out of the solar boom. Offering \$5 million in cash prizes and technical assistance over 18 months, the challenge supports teams across the country to develop projects or programs that reach underserved customers in their communities, while proving that these business models can be widely replicated and scaled up.

The early application deadline to participate in the challenge is Jan. 6, 2017, and the regular deadline is March 17, 2017. Learn more about [how tribes and other communities can participate in the competition](#) and [apply today](#).

NOAA 2017 Coastal Resilience Grants

Applications are due **March 15, 2017**. [Find more information here](#).

Indoor Air Quality

U.S. HUD - HUD recipients can request technical assistance on basically any subject, as long as is it related to NAHASDA. The requests come in to the ONAP Area Office, which typically considers whether the tribe has any other TA needs, and then assembles a TA request package for HQ to consider. From what I have been able to gather, training on indoor air issues has never been requested - but it could be. ONAP has contracts with certain TA providers for these TA requests. Those TA providers may subcontract as needed. The link below names the TA providers and discusses the process. A link to the ONAP CodeTalk website is provided below in case you are interested in getting a better feel for ONAP's Area Office structure. TA process:

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=onaptaannouce.pdf>

CodeTalk:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih

U.S. HUD - HUD recently published our 2017 Imminent Threat Grants Guidance to provide Tribes with resources to address pressing air quality issues. [Click here](#) for more information.

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Most Recent Listing: EPA Rules from the Federal Register

Contents of the Federal Register for [Wednesday, February 22, 2017](#).
(Past copies can be accessed [here](#)).

Rule

National Priorities List:

National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; Partial Deletion of North Penn Area 6 Superfund Site

FR Document: [2017-03467](#) Citation: 82 FR 11320 [PDF](#) Pages 11320-11321 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

Proposed Rule

National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants:

Publicly Owned Treatment Works

FR Document: [2017-03431](#) Citation: 82 FR 11334 [PDF](#) Pages 11334-11335 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

National Priorities List:

National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan; Partial Deletion of North Penn Area 6 Superfund Site

FR Document: [2017-03464](#) Citation: 82 FR 11335 [PDF](#) Page 11335 (1 page) [Permalink](#)

Notice

Risk and Exposure Assessment Planning Document for Review of Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Sulfur Oxides

FR Document: [2017-03432](#) Citation: 82 FR 11356 [PDF](#) Pages 11356-11357 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

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