



**National Tribal Air Association**

## **NTAA Weekly Update**

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## **TOP STORIES**

NPR - [EPA Critic to Get Sharp Questions On Industry Ties As He Vies To Run Agency](#)

EPA – [EPA Notifies Fiat Chrysler of Clean Air Act Violations](#)

Indian Country Media Network – [Last Two Oil and Gas Leases for Sacred Badger-Two Medicine Canceled](#)

Reuters - [Unlike Trump, Americans want strong environmental regulator](#)

## **HEADLINES**

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

Sit News - [Historic: Craig Tribal Association Receives Approval for 1st Federal Land Trust in Alaska](#)

Energywire – [BLM rule survives initial court challenge](#)

Scientific American – [EPA Locks in 2025 Fuel Efficiency Rules](#)

Farmington Daily Times - [Tribal officials try to stop Chaco leasing](#)

Bismarck Tribune - [Master's programs growing at tribal colleges in North Dakota](#)

Indianz – [Alaska tribe makes history with approval of trust land application](#)

New York Times – [Scott Pruitt, Trump's E.P.A. Pick, Backed Industry Donors Over Regulators](#)

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

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

Washington Post - [Days before Trump's inauguration, State Dept. sends \\$500 million to United Nations climate fund](#)

New York Times - [Nominee for Interior Vows to Preserve, and Develop, Public Lands](#)

Fusion – [An aging pipeline has driven this Native American tribe into an unprecedented move](#)

AP – [Officials: More than 40% of California Out of Drought](#)

New York Times – [Scientists Map Vast Peat Swamps, a Storehouse of Carbon, in Central Africa](#)

New York Times – [White House Urges Research on Geoengineering to Combat Global Warming](#)

### ***Toxics/Mobile Sources***

EPA – [U.S. EPA Releases Annual Toxic Release Inventory Report for Pacific Southwest](#)

Truth Out – [Michigan Mine Gains Two State Permits, Tribe Vows to Continue Fight](#)

Indianz – [Mille Lacs Band divests from Wells Fargo over financing for Dakota Access Pipeline](#)

Energywire – [Fracking rule clash gets new court date](#)

NPR – [Can We Improve Our Transportation Network Using...Biology?](#)

### ***Indoor Air Quality***

Las Cruces Sun News – [DOH: Indoor air quality often overlooked](#)

PR Newswire – [U.S. Indoor Air Quality Market](#)

## ***Photos from the field***

NPR – [Alaskan Village, Citing Climate Change, Seeks Disaster Relief In Order To Relocate](#)



Yup'ik children help recover a snowmobile that sank when its owner attempted to drive across a pond, on June 30, 2015, in Newtok. Photo credit: Andrew Burton/Getty Images

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## **UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS**

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

#### **STAR 2017 Workgroup Call**

Please join NTAA's effort to publish the 2017 Status of Tribal Air Report and join the STAR Workgroup this Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 1pm ET. Contact [Elaine.Wilson@nau.edu](mailto:Elaine.Wilson@nau.edu) or [Andy.Bessler@nau.edu](mailto:Andy.Bessler@nau.edu) to join the call.

#### **NTAA/EPA Air Policy Update Call**

Thursday, January 26, 2pm ET. Contact [Andy.Bessler@nau.edu](mailto:Andy.Bessler@nau.edu) to join the call.

### **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 (O<sub>3</sub>); particulate matter (PM); carbon monoxide (CO), lead (Pb), sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), and nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>).

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 #1: NAAQS (101)

(This session will provide a general overview of the CAA and how the NAAQS are set, reviewed & revised and why this is important to tribes.)

**Date:** Thursday, January 19, 2017

**Time:** 2:00 -3:30 PM EST

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

Conference ID: 26321553

**Webinar Link:** <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/naaqs101>

#### Webinar #2: NAAQS - Designations

(This session will discuss the designations process, the different categories (i.e., attainment, nonattainment, unclassifiable, and unclassifiable/attainment), and what it means if your area of Indian country does not meet the NAAQS and what role the tribes can play in the designations process.)

**Date:** Monday, February 13, 2017

**Time:** 2:00 – 3:30 PM EST

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

Conference ID: 46429567

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

**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](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](mailto:andy.bessler@nau.edu) or Toni Colón at [colon.toni@epa.gov](mailto:colon.toni@epa.gov)

**Save the Date! National Tribal Forum on Air Quality will be held May 1-4, 2017, in Tucson, Arizona.**

The NTF provides environmental professionals from tribes, EPA, and other organizations an opportunity to meet and discuss current policies, regulatory initiatives, technical and other relevant topics in air quality and climate change.

- Optional training sessions on Monday 5/1.

- \$50 registration fee ~ online registration opens in January.
- Scholarship support for tribal attendees.
- Sponsorship opportunities available!

Check [http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr\\_ntf](http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_ntf) for 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](http://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](http://www.tribalexchangenetwork.org) for travel details and other updates regarding the Conference.

**Greetings from the Tribal Air Monitoring Support (TAMS) Center [Steering Committee](#).** As a Steering Committee comprised of Tribal environmental representatives from different regions of the country, we are announcing the TAMS Center Technical Needs Assessment to aid the TAMS Center to better understand the air quality technical support needs and priorities of Tribes. The link to the online questionnaire form is at <http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tamsNA/>. The Technical Needs Assessment will be open until March 10, 2017. The Steering Committee plans on providing the results of the Technical Needs Assessment at the 2017 National Tribal Forum.

## **U.S. EPA Announced an Extension of Public Comment Period for the Draft General Permit under the Clean Air Act Federal Indian Country Minor New Source Review Program – Gasoline Dispensing Facilities**

Extension of Comment Period: On September 30, 2016, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provided notice of, and requested public comment on, the EPA's draft general permit for gasoline dispensing facilities for use in Indian country within California pursuant to the Clean Air Act (CAA) Federal Indian Country Minor New Source Review (NSR) program for new and modified minor sources at 40 CFR 49.151 through 49.161.

The EPA is extending the deadline for submitting comments on this action until January 31, 2017. Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit during the public comment period. These comments must raise any reasonably ascertainable issue with supporting arguments by the close of the public comment period. All written comments on the draft general permit must be received or postmarked by January 31, 2017. Comments must be sent or delivered in writing to Lisa Beckham at one of the following addresses: E-mail: [R9airpermits@epa.gov](mailto:R9airpermits@epa.gov). Online Docket: [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), Docket ID: EPA-R09-OAR-2016-0580. Send U.S. Mail to Lisa Beckham (AIR-3) U.S. EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

**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.

**HOST SITES NEEDED FOR SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM** - The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals – Environmental Education Outreach Program at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona, is seeking air quality focused offices and programs to host a college student for an 8-week summer internship. Tribal environmental offices, EPA offices, and other tribal environmental organizations are encouraged to apply. The interns will be highly motivated undergraduate or graduate students majoring in environmental or related careers from different colleges and universities nationwide. ITEP provides each student intern with a \$4,000 stipend, and limited housing and travel allowances. The host site provides a work place and supervision for the intern. The projects **MUST** focus on addressing air quality issues in tribal communities. Submit an application [online here](#). Deadline: Apply by January 20, 2017. For detailed information on the internship and requirements, visit our [internship web-site](#). For more information, contact ITEP Intern Coordinator at [EEOP-INTERN@nau.edu](mailto:EEOP-INTERN@nau.edu).

**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 [2016 AIAQTP Course Schedule](#)

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

Course Title	Dates	Location
2017		
Air Quality Computations	January 24-27	Phoenix, AZ
Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Diagnostic Tools (for lower 48)	February 7-10	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
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 Alaska	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 prerequisites or your eligibility for this course, please contact Patricia Ellsworth, Air Quality Curriculum Coordinator, at [Patricia.Ellsworth@nau.edu](mailto:Patricia.Ellsworth@nau.edu) or phone 928-523-6721. For more information, please visit [ITEP's website](#).

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

**NOAA and NASA are expected to announce today, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 11am EST that 2016 was the hottest year on record.** To call into the press conference, dial 1-888-323-5258 (toll free in the US and Canada) or 415-228-4837 (International), with passcode "CLIMATE."

### **U.S. DOE to Host Three Regional Alaska Energy Workshops in January**

Many communities in rural Alaska are taking steps to lower energy costs, mitigate the impacts of climate change, and reduce reliance on imported fuel. To advance these efforts, the Office of Indian Energy is offering a series of regional

energy workshops in January 2017. Designed to provide Alaska Native villages and corporations and their partners with the knowledge and tools needed to navigate the complexities of developing clean energy projects, the workshops will cover:

- How renewable energy and energy efficiency projects can help address community energy challenges and advance clean energy goals
- Effective strategies and tactics for identifying potential funding and financing opportunities, overcoming challenges, and gaining community buy-in
- Experience-based insights and lessons learned from other Native villages.

The workshops are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

- Jan. 18–19, 2017: Barrow, AK (North Slope Region)
- Jan. 23–24, 2017: Fairbanks, AK (Interior Region)
- Jan. 26–27, 2017: Gulkana, AK (Ahtna Region)

[Learn more](#) about the workshops and how to register.

### **January 25, 2 PM (ET) - Implementing Expanded Renewable Portfolio Standards in Oregon and Rhode Island**

In 2016, both Oregon and Rhode Island strengthened and extended their RPSs. In this webinar, Rebecca Smith (Senior Policy Analyst at the Oregon Department of Energy) and Linda George (Senior Legal Counsel at the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission) will describe their states' new RPS laws and explain how the states are preparing for implementation.

[Register](#)

### ***Indoor Air Quality***

#### **AIAQTP Webinar - Introduction to Building Science**

Date: January 31, 2017

Time: 12:00 PM MST (10:00 am AKST, 11:00 am PST, 1:00 pm CST, 2:00 pm EST)

Reserve your Webinar seat now at

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8973365462761525505>

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. The practical purpose of building science is to help us understand and optimize the dynamic “Building Ecosystem” for occupant wellness and building performance. For those attending the AIAQTP IAQ Diagnostics Course, this webinar is a part of the course.

Facilitator: Mansel Nelson, Program Coordinator Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Communities

Introduction to Building Science Basics: Jed Harrison, Building Scientist

Questions: Contact Mansel A Nelson at [mansel.nelson@nau.edu](mailto:mansel.nelson@nau.edu) or 928-523-1275

Funding for AIAQTP is provided by the USEPA Office of Air and Radiation.

**NTAA's Indoor Air Quality Work Group will hold its next call on Thursday, April 13th at 2 pm ET.** To join the work group or the call, please contact NTAA Project Director Andy Bessler at [andy.bessler@nau.edu](mailto:andy.bessler@nau.edu).

**NTAA has re-opened the Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Needs Assessment for Indian Country!** The NTAA IAQ Work Group has re-opened the IAQ Needs Assessment in hopes that more Tribes will complete the [on-line form found here!](#)

In re-opening the IAQ needs assessment, NTAA hopes Tribes who have not previously completed this online form will do so now thus helping Tribal and Federal governmental leaders understand the extent of IAQ needs in Tribal communities. The IAQ Needs Assessment will remain open until **January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017**. Please allow at least an hour to complete the IAQ Needs Assessment. For more information on the NTAA IAQ work group that created this needs assessment, please visit NTAA's [website here](#).

Please allocate at least 60 minutes to answer all the questions. When you are finished, simply click on the "submit" button at the end of the survey to ensure your answers are properly counted.

### **U.S. EPA Request for Applications (RFA): “National Indoor Environments Program: Reducing Public Exposure to Indoor Pollutants”**

U.S. EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR), Indoor Environments Division (IED) has posted a new RFA (EPA-OAR-ORIA-17-02) here,

[www.epa.gov/grants/air-grants-and-funding](http://www.epa.gov/grants/air-grants-and-funding), and here,

[www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=290725](http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=290725).

Examples of projects eligible for funding include those that result in (1) an increase in the number of homes and schools built with radon-reducing features, (2) an increase in the number of home visiting programs providing in-home asthma interventions by licensed providers in disproportionately affected communities, and (3) an increase in the number of homes, schools and office buildings with interventions that reduce exposure to multiple indoor air contaminants.

EPA expects to make between 10 and 20 awards. The selected indoor environments projects will be funded in the amount of \$2–4 million annually, for

up to 3 years (2018–2020). Closing Date: Friday, February 17, 2017, 4:00 p.m. EST.

### **Microbiomes Webinar Now Available Online!**

EPA's Indoor Environments Division thanks you for attending the September webinar on the current state of the science on microbiomes and the built environment.

Dr. Brent Stephens, Associate Professor of Architectural Engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology, presented *What Have We Learned about the Microbiomes of Indoor Environments?* The webinar presentation is now available for viewing at [youtu.be/u --F2c4b4o](https://youtu.be/u--F2c4b4o).

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## **RESOURCES**

### **Now Hiring!**

#### **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.** You can also provide your preferences for the host sites you find interesting after January 31, 2017.

**Deadline: February 28, 2017**

**Website: [www.nau.edu/itepinterns](http://www.nau.edu/itepinterns)**

Questions? Contact Mansel Nelson at [Mansel.Nelson@nau.edu](mailto:Mansel.Nelson@nau.edu) or 928-523-1275

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

**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.

### **Tribal Fact Sheet on Methane**

The National Wildlife Federation and the Clean Air Task Force have revised their [Tribal Fact Sheet on Methane](#).

### **EPA Region 2 Seeks Nominations for Environmental Champions**

Each year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recognizes and honors environmental trailblazers – individuals, businesses and organizations that have contributed significantly to improving the environment and protecting public health. EPA is seeking nominations of environmental stewards within its region covering New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and eight federally recognized Indian Nations who have gone above and beyond for environmental change in local communities. Winners will be honored with this annual award at a ceremony in the Spring of 2017 at EPA's regional office in Manhattan. The Agency is accepting nominations for its Environmental Champion Awards until February 3, 2017.

To nominate an individual or organization, please visit EPA's Environmental Champion Award webpage at <http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/environmental-champion-awards>.

## ***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.

## ***Indoor Air Quality***

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

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## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

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

**U.S. EPA Indian Tribes and Intertribal Consortia for Nonpoint Source Management Grants:**

Applications close January 25, 2017.

Funding amount: \$100,000 to \$2,500,000

EPA is soliciting proposals pursuant to Section 319 of the Clean Water Act from eligible tribes and intertribal consortia to develop and/or implement watershed-based plans and on-the-ground projects that will result in significant steps towards solving Nonpoint Source (NPS) impairments on a watershed-wide basis. Eligible entities are strongly encouraged to submit proposals that develop and/or implement watershed-based plans designed to protect unimpaired waters and/or restore NPS-impaired waters.

Details at <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=290459>

Partners for Places Grant, Funder's Network for Smart Growth and Livable Communities

Applications due January 30, 2017.

Funding amount: \$25,000 - \$150,000

Partners for Places is a successful matching grant program that creates opportunities for cities and counties in the United States and Canada to improve communities by building partnerships between local government sustainability offices and place-based foundations. National funders invest in local projects to promote a healthy environment, a strong economy, and well-being of all residents. The grant program provides partnership investments between \$25,000 and \$75,000 for one year projects, or \$50,000 and \$150,000 for two year projects, with a 1:1 match required by one or more local foundations. Eligible Grant Recipients: Local,

place-based foundation, a public charity (501c3) created by a city or county government to accept grants, or a partnering nonprofit organization.

Details at <http://www.fundersnetwork.org/partnersforplaces>

### **Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program 2017 Request for Proposals, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation**

Applications close January 31, 2017.

Funding amount: \$20,000 - \$50,000

The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration grant program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds and the species and habitats they support. Approximately \$2,500,000 is available nationwide for projects meeting program priorities.

Projects include a variety of ecological improvements including: wetland, riparian, forest and coastal habitat restoration; wildlife conservation; community tree canopy enhancement; and/or water quality monitoring and stormwater management; along with targeted community outreach, education and stewardship. Priority will be given to projects in urban, suburban and/or rural areas that advance water quality goals in environmental justice communities such as neighborhoods with high concentrations of minority and low-income populations. Eligible applicants include non-profit 501(c) organizations, state government agencies, local governments, municipal governments, Indian tribes and educational institutions.

Details at <http://www.nfwf.org/fivestar/Pages/home.aspx>

### **2017 Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program, U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities**

Application closes February 1, 2017.

Funding amount: \$50,000 - \$300,000

The U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities seeks applications for the 2017 Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program. The Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program goal is to accelerate strategic protection of healthy, freshwater ecosystems and their watersheds. Up to \$2 million is available for the 2017 grant round. Eligible applicants include not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organizations, for-profit companies, tribes, intertribal consortia, interstates, state, and local government agencies including water utilities and wastewater facilities, and colleges and universities are eligible for funding.

Details at <http://www.usendowment.org/healthywatersheds.html>

### **Small Grants Program, Center for Health, Environment and Justice**

Applications close February 1, 2017.

Funding amount: \$1,000 - \$20,000

The Center for Health, Environment and Justice's Small Grants Program helps grassroots, community organizing groups build their capacity. Grant activities can include board development, membership outreach, and fundraising efforts. Project activities could also include meetings to develop an organizing strategic plan, training events, educational activities which are directly connected to your strategic plan, or membership recruitment.

Details at <http://chej.org/smallgrants/>

### **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'.

### **Cliff Bar Foundation Small Grants**

Details at <http://clifbarfamilyfoundation.org/Grants-Programs/Small-Grants>

Application closes February 1, 2017.

These grants are awarded for general organizational support as well as funding for specific projects. Small grants average approximately \$7,000 each. Priority is given to applicants that:

- Address our funding priorities from a holistic perspective
- Protect Earth's beauty and bounty.
- Create a robust, healthy food system.
- Increase opportunities for outdoor activity.
- Reduce environmental health hazards.
- Build stronger communities.
- Operate with clearly defined objectives and viable plans to achieve them.
- Demonstrate strong community ties and operate at the community level.
- Promote positive change through both the projects and their implementation process.

### **People, Prosperity and the Planet Award Program, EPA**

Details at <https://www.epa.gov/research-grants/14th-annual-p3-awards-national-student-design-competition-sustainability-focusing>. Application closes February 3, 2017. Funding amount: Up to \$15,000 per Phase I grant and up to \$75,000 per Phase II grant

The United States Environmental Protection Agency invites submissions to the 14th Annual P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet. P3 focuses on scientific projects and engineering designs that address the three components of sustainability: people, prosperity and the planet.

The P3 Program is intended to support science-based projects and designs developed by interdisciplinary student teams that benefit people by improving their quality of life, promoting prosperity by developing local economies, and protecting the planet by conserving resources and minimizing pollution. Public nonprofit institutions/organizations (limited to degree-granting public institutions of higher education) and private nonprofit institutions/organizations (limited to degree-granting private institutions of higher education) located in the U.S. (includes eligible institutions of higher education located in U.S. territories and possessions) are eligible to apply to be the recipient of a grant to support teams of undergraduate and/or graduate students.

### **Groundwork USA Program Funding and Technical Assistance**

Details at <http://groundworkusa.org/groundwork-network/start-a-new-groundwork-trust/> Letters of Interest due by February 1, 2017.

The Groundwork Program of the National Park Service builds community capacity to improve the environmental, economic and social conditions in communities impacted by brownfields and derelict lands. It supports the establishment and early success of locally organized and led nonprofit organizations, called Groundwork Trusts, dedicated to carrying out the mission of the Groundwork network. Funding is now in place to select up to two new communities for exploration of the Groundwork Program. Selected communities will be eligible for up to \$200,000 in funding and technical assistance from the National Park Service, US Environmental Protection Agency, and Groundwork USA. Funding will support the planning, establishment, and building capacity of a new Groundwork Trust organization in each community.

## ***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](#).

### **DOE Makes Up to \$6 Million Available to Deploy Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy on Indian Lands**

DOE expects to make approximately \$4 million to \$6 million of federal funding available for new awards under this funding opportunity announcement (FOA), subject to the availability of appropriated funds. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on congressional appropriations. DOE anticipates making approximately 6 to 10 awards under this FOA. On November 14, during the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy Program Review, Office Director Chris Deschene announced a new funding opportunity to install energy efficiency measures and deploy clean energy systems on Indian lands.

The application deadline is Feb. 7, 2017. [Learn more and apply.](#)

### **[NOAA Climate Program Office FY2017 - Understanding Climate Impacts on Fish Stocks and Fisheries to Inform Sustainable Management \(Dept. of Commerce\)](#)**

The goal is to inform sustainable fisheries management and promote resilience of the nation's fish stocks and fisheries in a changing climate. For FY17, this OAR/NMFS partnership, through the Coastal and Ocean Climate Applications (COCA) Program, will continue to take a regional approach to improving the resilience and adaptation of fisheries in a changing climate by soliciting proposals under two competitions. Eligibility includes Indian tribal governments. Funding opportunity # OAA-OAR-CPO-2017-2004998. Deadline: 01/30/17.

## ***Indoor Air Quality***

### **US EPA’s Office of Air and Radiation, Indoor Environments Division (IED) has posted a new Request for Applications (RFA)**

New RFA for 2018–2020 now available!

Closing Date: February 17, 2017

Request for Applications (RFA): “National Indoor Environments Program: Reducing Public Exposure to Indoor Pollutants”

U.S. EPA’s Office of Air and Radiation (OAR), Indoor Environments Division (IED) has posted a new RFA (EPA-OAR-ORIA-17-02)

here, [www.epa.gov/grants/air-grants-and-funding](http://www.epa.gov/grants/air-grants-and-funding), and

here, [www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=290725](http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=290725).

EPA expects to make between 10 and 20 awards. The selected indoor environments projects will be funded in the amount of \$2–4 million annually, for up to 3 years (2018–2020).

U.S. EPA Cooperative Agreements for the period 2018–2020

Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-OAR-ORIA-17-02

**Closing Date:** Friday, February 17, 2017, 4:00 p.m. EST

Currently, the Indoor Environments Program focuses on critical aspects of indoor air quality that pose significant risks to public health, particularly to children and other disproportionately affected segments of society. The Program’s priorities include, yet are not limited to (1) radon, (2) indoor environmental asthma triggers, and (3) multiple indoor air contaminants.

Examples of projects eligible for funding include those that result in (1) an increase in the number of homes and schools built with radon-reducing features, (2) an increase in the number of home visiting programs providing in-home asthma interventions by licensed providers in disproportionately affected communities, and (3) an increase in the number of homes, schools and office buildings with interventions that reduce exposure to multiple indoor air contaminants.

To learn more about IED’s currently funded (2014–2017) cooperative agreements and partners, visit [www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq/cooperative-agreement-funding-indoor-air-quality](http://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq/cooperative-agreement-funding-indoor-air-quality). To learn more about healthy indoor environments and indoor air quality, visit [www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq](http://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq). Opt in [here](#) to receive periodic email updates about healthy indoor air.

**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](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih)

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## **Most Recent Listing: EPA Rules from the Federal Register**

Contents of the Federal Register for [Wednesday, January 18, 2017](#).  
(Past copies can be accessed [here](#)).

### **Rule**

#### **National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants:**

##### **Ferroalloys Production**

FR Document: [2017-00156](#) Citation: 82 FR 5401 [PDF](#) Pages 5401-5409 (*9 pages*)  
[Permalink](#)

##### **Pesticide Tolerances: Acequinocyl**

FR Document: [2016-31823](#) Citation: 82 FR 5409 [PDF](#) Pages 5409-5415 (*7 pages*)  
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