



National Tribal Air Association

NTAA Weekly Update

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PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

NY Times – [Trump Administration Formally Rolls Back Rule Aimed at Limiting Methane Pollution](#)



A flare pit near a well in the Bakken Oil Field, which spans the United States-Canada border. New rules roll back restrictions that would have reduced the release of methane from drilling operations. Photo Credit: Orjan F. Ellingvag/Corbis, via Getty Images

TOP STORIES

NTAA and EPA are co-hosting an informational webinar to help Tribes comment on EPA’s Proposed Guidance Interpreting “Adjacent” for New Source Review and Title V Source Determinations in All Industries Other Than Oil and Gas

Date: Thursday, September 20, 2018

Time: 11 am AK, 12 pm PT, 1 pm MT, 2 pm CT, 3 pm ET

Call into: 1-805-309-2350 to conserve NTAA funds or toll-free to 1-800-309-2350 and use code 928-523-05-26#. To view documents discussed, please log on here:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3699098357839916545>

NTAA is also working on Policy Response Kit for this draft guidance and it will be published soon.

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

EPA – [EPA grants \\$1.6 million to Northwest and Alaska tribal groups to reduce harmful diesel emissions](#)

Smart Cities Dive – [The air up there: Air quality sensors inhale slews of data](#)

Science Daily - [Air pollution affects thyroid development in fetuses](#)

The Daily Beast - [Want to Avoid Pollution on Your Way Home? Madrid Has an App for That](#)

Business Wire - [Aclima & Google Scale Air Quality Mapping to More Places around the World](#)

Indianz – [Border wall called threat to tribal sovereignty in new report](#)

Indianz – [Documents indicate plans to spy on Native opponents of Keystone XL](#)

Tribal Tribune – [Due to fire danger, Tribes close roads across Colville Reservation](#)

E&E News – [Air Pollution: EPA proposes changing Clinton-era standards](#)

E&E News – [Clean Power Plan: EPA presses appeals court to keep case on hold](#)

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

Hurricane Florence

EPA – [EPA Hurricane Florence Update Tuesday, September 18, 2018](#)

Indian Country Today – [Hurricane Florence hits Carolinas, slows to crawl with storm surges and flooding](#)

NY Times – [Florence’s Path Is Strewn with Toxic Hazards](#)

E&E News – [Coal ash breach comes as rain pounds Carolinas](#)

NY Times – [Is Climate Change Making Hurricanes Worse? Yes, here’s why.](#)

Fast Company – [How capitalism and climate change make a perfect storm for hurricane damage](#)

Grist – [A groundbreaking Hurricane Florence study could change how we think about climate](#)

GreenTechMedia – [Clean Energy Players Weather Through Florence](#)

NY Times – [In Flood-Hit Public Housing, a Reminder That the Poor Bear Brunt of Storms’ Fury](#)

Climate Change/Energy

E&E News – [Deadly Mass. Gas blasts highlight dangers of aging system](#)

NY Times – [Protesters Have Their Day at California Climate Talks](#)

NY Times – [California Had Its Own Climate Summit. Now What?](#)

Carbon Brief – [Q&A: Why cement emissions matter for climate change](#)

E&E News – [Nuclear subsidies triumph over legal challenges](#)

E&E News – [‘America First’? Climate rule tests Trump pledge](#)

NPR – [A New Wildlife Refuge on the Grounds around an Old Nuclear Weapons Plant](#)

NPR – [Mexico City: Thirsty and Sinking](#)

Bloomberg – [Why Higher Pollution Costs Haven't Dented Coal Demand in Europe](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

NPR – [Gov. Brown's Biggest Climate Foe Isn't Trump. It's Car-Loving Californians](#)

Reuters – [In war on smog, China considers how to take polluting diesel trucks off the road](#)

WDEL – [Emissions control manufacturer warns diesel school bus pollution is invisible threat to children's health](#)

Clean Technica – [More German Cities Ban Older Diesels, & BMW Tells America: "No Diesels For You!"](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Mother Earth News - [Monitoring Air Quality in Homes and Workshops](#)

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UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Final Action on Clean Air Act Section 126 Petitions from Delaware and Maryland

EPA is denying four petitions submitted by Delaware and one petition from Maryland requesting reductions in emissions of ozone-forming nitrogen dioxide (NO_x) from specific power plants in upwind states - Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. To reach this decision, EPA looked at whether there are current and future nonattainment or maintenance problems for the 2008 and/or 2015 ozone air quality standards in the petitioning states. EPA also looked

at whether there were additional cost-effective emission control measures available for the named sources. EPA found that existing programs that require cost effective emissions reductions from all of the named sources, such as the recent CSAPR Update Rule, are in place and will address the concerns of the petitioning states. The prepublication notice and a summary fact sheet are [published on the web here](#).

On September 11, 2018, Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler directed EPA staff to take certain actions to ensure adequate support for states to enable timely and effective implementation of the regional haze program today and in the future. These actions are anchored in the regional haze program's core statutory foundation and certain key principles. Over the next year, OAR will release a series of implementation tools and guidance documents that will help focus states' efforts and reduce and streamline the time and resources needed to meet the statutory and regulatory requirements under the regional haze program. This information will support states in their SIP development processes and provide key improvements for the upcoming second planning period. In addition, the EPA will initiate a notice-and-comment rulemaking to address certain aspects of the EPA's Regional Haze Rule. [Additional information here](#).

U.S. EPA Public Hearings on the [Affordable Clean Energy \(ACE\) Rule](#): Emission Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Existing Electric Utility Generating Units; Revisions to Emission Guideline Implementing Regulations; Revisions to New Source Review Program.

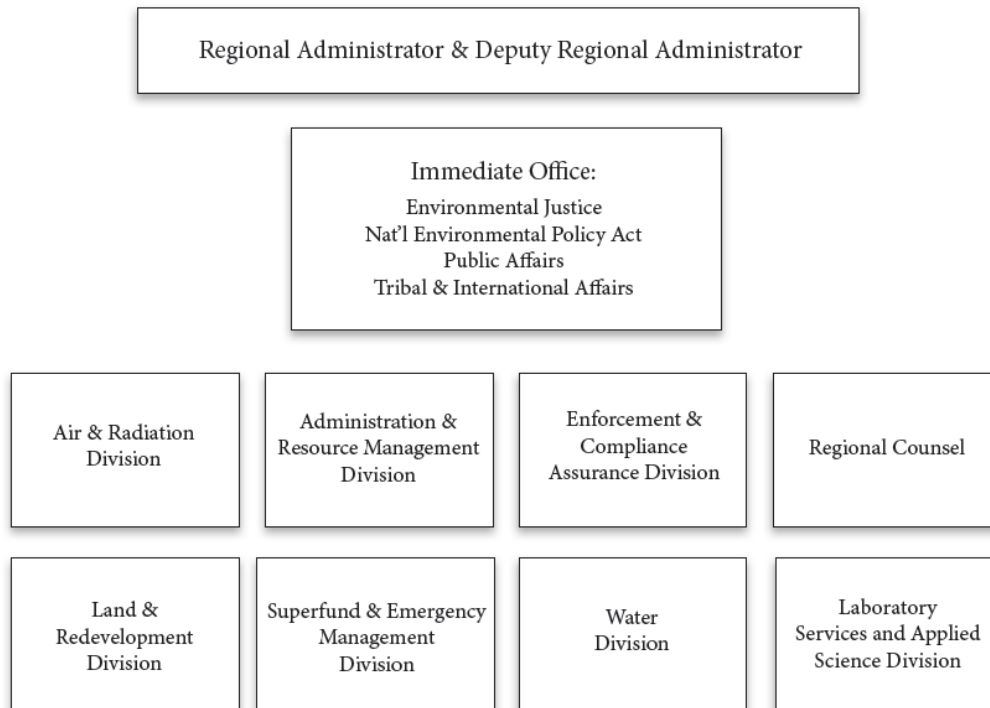
The EPA will hold a [public hearing](#) on October 1, 2018, in Chicago, Illinois.

Editor's Note: NTAA is preparing a Policy Response Kit and will host an informational webinar to help Tribe respond to this proposed replacement of the EPA's Clean Power Plan. NTAA will publish the Policy Response Kit and schedule the informational webinar in the coming weeks.

U.S. EPA Acting Administrator announced his intent for all ten EPA Regional Offices to be re-organized in a recent memo. As a next step, EPA's Office of Administration and Resources Management will convene and lead an Implementation Working Group, including representatives from each region, to prepare a realignment package that will be submitted to the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations for review. This realignment, which will be sent to Congress for review, is intended to:

- * Increase coordination between EPA's National Programs and their regional counterparts as we work to meet our strategic goals and objectives;
 - * Improve the consistent implementation of EPA regulations and policies;
 - * Allow for better resource allocation to more effectively carry out the agency's mission;
 - * Facilitate the agency's overall operational excellence; and
 - * Provide greater transparency for EPA's customers.
- that included this new chart:

Organization for EPA's Regional Offices



Tribal Children's Environmental Health Symposium October 16-18
 EPA Region 6 and Cherokee Nation will be hosting the *Tribal Children's Environmental Health Symposium* that will be held at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino at 777 West Cherokee St. Catoosa, OK, 74015 October 16-18, 2018.

The theme of the symposium is “Protecting Children Where They Live, Learn and Play”. To register online for the symposium go to www.itecmembers.org. Early registration is strongly recommended. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Karen Dye at 918-453-5109 or e-mail karen-dye@cherokee.org.

Travel scholarships are available only to employees of federally recognized tribes in EPA Region 6. Travel scholarships provide for airfare and lodging costs only. Please indicate if you are interested in the travel scholarship when you register online. Here is the [direct link](#) that you and your guest can make reservations with.

Invitation to Provide Early Input to Inform EPA OAR's FY 2020-2021 National Program Guidance

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is beginning to develop its next two-year National Program Guidances for fiscal years 2020-2021 with expected issuance in late spring 2019. EPA’s Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) would like to extend an invitation to your organization to provide early input on OAR’s guidance. We are extending this invitation to state, local and tribal air agencies as well as other national, state, local and tribal air, public health, and radiation associations. Please send your suggestions to Marc Vincent at Vincent.Marc@epa.gov and Timothy Roberts at Roberts.Timothy-P@epa.gov by October 26, 2018.

The National Program Guidances communicate key implementation expectations for EPA regions, states, tribes, local governments and territories, includes measures by which progress will be assessed, and guides the annual grant work planning process. In response to very helpful input from our partners, OAR has worked to streamline the guidance narrative and to update and streamline the air program measures over the past several guidance cycles. We plan to build on these improvements with OAR’s FY 2020-2021 Guidance while we update and frame our activities within the context of the *FY 2018-2022 EPA Strategic Plan*. For your reference, OAR’s previous FY 2018-2019 Guidance is [available here](#).

OAR will consider the early input we receive in drafting the FY 2020-2021 guidance. You will also have an opportunity to submit written comments on the Agency’s full set of draft guidances beginning in February 2019. OAR will also hold a conference call during the public comment period that you will be invited to participate in.

Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management: November 27-30

The Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management, organized by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, is Alaska’s largest Tribal environmental

conference that brings together Tribes, Non-profits, and State and Federal organizations, for a week of environmental conversations. The discussions focus on finding and implementing solutions to address the unique environmental concerns facing Alaskan communities. Session tracks include: Air Quality & Healthy Homes; My Changing Climate; Water Quality & Sanitation; Solid & Hazardous Waste; Sustainability & Resilience; Brownfields. November 27-30, 2018 / Anchorage, AK. / Anchorage Downtown Hilton. To register or submit an abstract go to: <http://www.atcemak.com/>. For questions contact atcem@anthc.org.

Tribal Grants Education and Technical Assistance Webinar Series Second Wednesday of Every Month at 1pm ET

[For more information, click here!](#)

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!

Registration instructions When you register for the GoToWebinar, please remember to include your Tribe, Region, or Organization in parenthesis after your last name. This allows you to see everyone on the call and prevents us from conducting a roll-call, ultimately saving everyone's time.

NTAA IAQ Work Group: Help implement IAQ priorities with NTAA.	Thursday, September 20, 2pm ET
NTAA Member Tribe Feedback Call: During the next NTAA EC In-Person meeting, the EC will be seeking feedback from the family of 135 NTAA member Tribes.	Tuesday, September 25, 2:30pm ET
Wood Smoke Work Group: Join this newly formed work group to help address air quality issues arising from wood smoke	Wednesday, October 3, 3 pm ET <i>Note: this work group has a different call-in number: Dial-In Number: 1-866-299-3188</i> Conference Code: 919-541-5497
Volkswagen Settlement Work Group: Continue to track the ongoing developments and help guide the process	Thursday, October 11, 2pm ET

NTAA/EPA Air Policy Update Call: Receive air quality policy updates from EPA and NTAA	Thursday, October 25, 2pm ET
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The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professional's (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 [2018-2019 AIAQTP Course Schedule](#)

Course Title	Dates	Location	Course Level
	2018		
Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Communities (Lower 48)	November 7-9	Sioux City, Iowa	1
Clean Air Act and Permitting	November 27-30	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	2
Air Quality in Alaska	December 11-14	Fairbanks, AK	1
	2019		
Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Communities (lower 48)	January 8-10	TBD	1
Air Quality Computations	January 29-February 1	Phoenix, AZ	1
IAQ Diagnostic Tools	February 12-15	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	2
Air Pollution Technology	March 12-15	Flagstaff, AZ	2
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke (hybrid course)	March 26-27	TBD	2
Air Quality Project Planning, QAPPs, and Grants for Alaska	April 9-12	AK	2
Fundamentals of Air Monitoring	April 16-18	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	2
Air Pollution Modeling	April 30-May 2	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	3
NTF	May		
Air Pollution and Ecosystems	June 4-7	Flagstaff, AZ	2
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke (hybrid course)	January-March	Webinars	NA

Indoor Air Quality – Independent Study	Anytime	Independent Study	1
Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Cold Climates	Open	Online	1
Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Warm Climates	TBD	Online	1
Residential Building Science Review	Open	Online	1
Radon Fundamentals	Open	Online	1
Quality Assurance Fundamentals (QA 101)	Open	Online	1
Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) (QA 201-209)	Open	Online	2
Emissions Inventory (self-paced, instructor assistance as needed)	Open	Online	3

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 a 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

ENERGY STAR Webinars

September 19 and 26, Noon (ET) – Portfolio Manager: Ask the Expert

Most Wednesdays ENERGY STAR holds a live webinar that gives all Portfolio Manager users an opportunity to ask their questions directly to EPA experts in an open forum.

[Register](#)

U.S. Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy Policies and Programs Webinars

September 26, 1 PM (ET) - 2018 Tribal Energy Webinar: Facility- and Community-Scale Project Development

Co-sponsored by the DOE Office of Indian Energy and the Western Area Power Administration, this webinar will describe how taking on facility- and community-scale energy projects can allow tribes to gain experience and expertise in project development while limiting risk; however, like utility-scale projects, facility- and community-scale projects also have their own unique challenges. For example, tribes often run into difficulty when it comes to finding money to build these smaller-scale projects. This webinar will outline options for financing and addressing other challenges related to facility- and community-scale project development. Attendees will learn about available financing mechanisms that can

allow tribes to develop projects with limited to no upfront capital costs, including community solar models, third-party vendors, energy savings performance contracts, and utility energy service contracts.

[Register](#)

American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy Webinars

September 19, 1PM (ET) - Reaching Rural Communities with Energy Efficiency Programs

Many residents in rural America spend more of their income on energy bills than their metro counterparts. They can benefit from energy efficiency services, but a city-based program may not work best for them. Rural areas often have different infrastructure, energy use, and fuel mix, and they have smaller utilities. They need an approach geared toward rural communities. A new report by The American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE), *Reaching Rural Communities with Energy Efficiency Programs*, shares great examples of people who have leveraged the strength of these communities to provide tailored solutions. ACEEE will host a webinar to discuss the report's findings and hear from program implementers who have already reduced rural energy costs and improved building comfort.

[Register](#)

Clean Energy Finance: Green Banking Strategies for Local Governments webinar

Monday, October 1 from 1-2:30PM Eastern

Local governments are pursuing innovative financing to support energy efficiency, renewable energy and other clean energy investments in their operations and communities. Join us to learn about exciting advancements in green banking in the United States and how these strategies can help local governments pursue their environmental, energy, and economic priorities. Our speakers will provide an overview of green banks, the services and benefits they offer, other types of green banking opportunities, and important considerations for local governments interested in engaging in green banking. As part of this webinar, you will hear about experiences from the Connecticut Green Bank, which has worked extensively with local governments and is leading innovations in the field of clean energy finance, and the Montgomery County Green Bank in Maryland, the first U.S. green bank administered by a local government. To join us, please [register](#).

Renewable Energy Vermont

Burlington, VT, October 18-19, 2018

REV2017 brought together leaders and experts from throughout the region to address the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Register for the 2018 Office of Indian Energy Program Review

Register now for the 2018 Office of Indian Energy Program Review to be held December 10–14 at the Sheraton Denver West Hotel in Lakewood, Colorado. This annual event is a tremendous opportunity for Indian tribes to meet, learn from other Indian tribes that are pursuing energy self-sufficiency, and share in each other's successes.

The 2018 Program Review will feature project status updates from tribes across the nation who are leveraging Office of Indian Energy grant funding to deploy energy technologies or initiate the first steps to energy development. Due to widespread interest in energy development, the Review is also open to all of Indian Country.

There is no registration fee, but advanced registration is required to ensure seating and availability of food. [Register now](#).

A block of rooms is available at the Sheraton Denver West Hotel. To book your room at the group rate, please visit the [Sheraton Denver West Hotel website](#). Note that the discounted group rate is only available until Nov. 12, 2018.

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

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) National Program Guidance Early Engagement with Tribes

More information about [OCSPP can be found here](#).

Comments Due: Friday, October 12th

Materials Available: (1) FY 2018-2019 OCSPP NPM Guidance; (2) FY 2020-2021 OCFO Memo; (3) OECA's Early Engagement Letter and Questions; (4) OCFO National Program Guidance Tribal Consultation Letter

Send OCSPP comments or questions to: Amanda Hauff at hauff.amanda@epa.gov

Send OECA comments to: Kim Chavez at Chavez.kimberly@epa.gov and Michele McKeever at mckeever.michele@epa.gov

Tribal DERA Changes Webinars

EPA will hold two upcoming webinars about the FY 2018 Tribal DERA RFA. Webinar information and links are available at

<https://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-tribal-grants#2018rfp>.

- Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. (ET)
- Thursday, February 21, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. (ET)

EPA and DOT Announce Three Public Hearings on the Proposed SAFE Vehicles Rule

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and U.S. Department of Transportation's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) will hold three public listening sessions on the proposed rulemaking, the *Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule for Model Years 2021-2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks* (SAFE Vehicles Rule), in Fresno, Calif., Dearborn, Mich., and Pittsburgh, Penn.

The SAFE Vehicles Rule would update and correct the current national automobile fuel economy and greenhouse gas emissions standards to give the American people greater access to safer, more affordable vehicles that are cleaner for the environment.

- Monday, September 24, 2018; The Grand 1401, 1401 Fulton Street, Fresno, California 93721
- Tuesday, September 25, 2018; The Dearborn Inn, 20301 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn, Michigan 48124
- Wednesday, September 26, 2018; The DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel & Suites Pittsburgh Downtown, One Bigelow Square, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219

The hearings will start at 10 a.m. local time and continue until 5:00 p.m. or until everyone has had a chance to speak. If you would like to present oral testimony at a public hearing, please contact Kil-Jae Hong at NHTSA by the date specified, at kil-jae.hong@dot.gov. Please provide the following information: Name, affiliation, address, email address, telephone and fax numbers (if applicable), time you wish to speak (morning, afternoon) if there is a preference, and whether you require accommodations such as a sign language interpreter or translator. Oral comments and supporting information presented at each session will be included in the docket for this proceeding.

The public hearing also provides an opportunity to offer comments regarding NHTSA's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), accompanying the proposed NHTSA fuel economy standards. Written comments about EPA and

NHTSA's joint proposal must be received by the last day of the comment period, October 23. Comments should be identified by Docket ID No. NHTSA-2018-0067 or EPA-HQ-OAR-2018-0283.

National Tribal Transportation Conference

This year's National Tribal Transportation Conference (NTTC) will be held in Oklahoma City, OK, on September 24-27. NTTC is sponsored by the US Federal Highway Administration and will include conference tracks on grants, gravel roads, road safety, finance, success stories, and transit. The NTTC will facilitate dialogue, provide training and technical assistance, and discuss tribal transportation challenges and success stories ultimately to improve transportation infrastructure and safety. <https://nttconference.org/>

Indoor Air Quality

Integrated Pest Management—A Simple Solution to Problem Pests in Elderly and Disabled Public Housing

Presenters: Dawn H. Gouge, Ph.D., Shujuan (Lucy) Li, Ph.D., Shakunthala (Shaku) Nair, Ph.D. - Arizona Pest Management Center, University of Arizona—MAC, Maricopa

Date: November 14, 2018

Time: 1:00pm – 2:30pm Eastern 12:00pm -1:30pm Central, 11:00am – 12:30pm Mountain, 10:00am – 11:30am Pacific

Registration: https://cornell.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dy_hKHuxRymPX6VAPIQdew

U.S. EPA has posted the IAQ Knowledge to Action Professional Training Webinar Series. The ongoing [IAQ Knowledge-to-Action Professional Training Webinar Series](#) comprises 1-hour technical, core-competency, web-based trainings designed to demonstrate how to translate the knowledge gained in the [IAQ Master Class Professional Training Webinar Series](#) into actions to improve or sustain an IAQ management program within your school or school district.

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RESOURCES

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Wildland Fire Sensors Challenge Winners Announced

The U.S. EPA and its federal partners announce the winners of a Wildland Fire Sensors Challenge, which encouraged the development of innovative monitoring technologies to measure air pollutants from smoke during wildland fires.

The winners are:

- **First Place:** Jason Gu and Bryan Tomko with SenSevere/Sensit Technologies with R. Subramanian with Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pa. They received a \$35,000 prize.
- **Second Place:** Scott Waller and Andrew Smallridge with Thingy LLC, Bellevue, Wash. They received a \$25,000 prize.
- **Honorable Mention:** Javier Fernandez with Kunak Technologies®, Pamplona, Spain.

Following rigorous two-phase laboratory testing by EPA and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS), a panel of technical experts reviewed results. The experts looked for prototypes that are portable, durable, reliable, and wireless. The winning systems showed significant promise in their design; ability to detect fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), ozone, carbon monoxide, and carbon dioxide; and comparability to regulatory monitors. This competition generated considerable interest in the sensor technology field and will help to further accelerate the development of monitoring technology for use during wildland fires. EPA's federal partners in sponsoring this challenge include the USFS, NASA, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and National Park Service. [Learn more about the Wildland Fire Sensors Challenge](#) and [Visit the EPA's Air Sensors Toolbox](#).

To view and/or receive ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program newsletter, [Native Voices, click here!](#)

Climate Change/Energy

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

Indoor Air Quality

Air Quality Impacts of Wildfires: Mitigation and Management Strategies Hearing

The [recording of the entire hearing](#) is 2 hours (starts about 30+ minutes into the recording) but all of the testimony and other background materials are available at links.

Field Guide for Clean-up of Flooded Homes

National Center for Healthy Housing just re-circulated this (timely) resource. [Creating A Healthy Home: A FIELD GUIDE FOR CLEAN-UP OF FLOODED HOMES](#)

Be sure to sign up for [EPA's Healthy Indoor Air newsletter](#).

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Now Hiring!

USAJOBS Vacancy Announcement - Supervisory Physical Scientist at NCRFO Las Vegas, NV

The US Environmental Protection Agency's National Center for Radiation Field Operations in Las Vegas, NV, has an open position it is filling for its Director, Center for Planning and Training. You can use this link to directly access the announcement: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/509838800>

Closing date: September 19, 2018

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation is hiring an Environmental Program Manager

Closing date: October 5, 2018

[More information here.](#)

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National Academies' Gulf Research Program Announces \$10 Million Grant [Opportunity for Enhancing Coastal Community Resilience in the Gulf of Mexico Region](#)

The Gulf Research Program (GRP) of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine today announced a new grant opportunity focused on enhancing coastal community resilience and well-being in the Gulf of Mexico region. The GRP intends to award up to \$10 million to projects bringing together researchers and practitioners to collaborate on efforts that increase understanding of how community attributes and systems affect resilience and provide actionable information that can be used to implement policies and practices to enhance resilience.

Applications for this funding opportunity have two stages. A required letter of intent is due Sept. 19, 2018, by 5 p.m. EDT. For those who submit a letter of intent, a full proposal is then due by Nov. 28, 2018, by 5 p.m. EDT. Awards will be made to projects lasting up to 36 months. Announcement of the awards is expected in the spring or summer of 2019. For more information about this opportunity, how to apply, and past GRP grants awarded on this topic, visit www.nas.edu/gulf/grants.

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program Grants for Fiscal Year 2018 – Opens October 1, 2018

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is announcing that \$395.2 million in funding is available through two [Hazard Mitigation Assistance](#) (HMA) grant programs: [Flood Mitigation Assistance](#) (FMA) and [Pre-Disaster Mitigation](#) (PDM). These competitive grant programs assist state, local, tribal, and territorial governments in strengthening our nation's ability to reduce disaster losses and protect life and property from future disaster damages. Beginning on August 3, potential applicants can review the FY 18 FMA and PDM Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for details such as eligibility, funding guidelines and evaluation criteria. The NOFO for FMA and PDM is available online at www.grants.gov and additional information is available at FEMA.gov.

Additional webinars are also scheduled about the eGrants program. For a complete list of dates and times, [visit this link](#).

Applications for EPA's Clean Air Excellence Awards Now Being Accepted!

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is now accepting applications for the 2019 Clean Air Excellence Awards Program. Through this program, EPA recognizes and honors individuals and organizations whose efforts have helped to make progress in achieving cleaner air. The award recipients are selected for developing innovative, replicable, and sustainable programs; serving as pioneers in their fields; and improving air quality either directly or indirectly through reduced emissions of criteria pollutants, hazardous air pollutants, and/or greenhouse gases.

If your work falls into any of the award categories, please consider applying for one of these prestigious awards. The five awards categories are: (1) Clean Air Technology; (2) Community Action; (3) Education/Outreach (4) State/Tribal/Local Air Quality Policy Innovations; and (5) Transportation Efficiency Innovations. In addition, the Clean Air Excellence Award Program will recognize two special award categories: (1) the Gregg Cooke Visionary Program Award, honoring a former EPA Regional Administrator, is given to the air quality project or program that successfully blends two or more of the existing awards categories; and (2) the Thomas W. Zosel Outstanding Individual Achievement Award, honoring a former member of the CAAAC and environmental leader at 3M, recognizes one individual for their outstanding achievement, leadership, and lasting commitment to promote clean air and achieve better air quality.

Award applications and more information are available at <https://www.epa.gov/caaac/clean-air-excellence-awards-application-information>.

Applications must be emailed or postmarked by November 2, 2018.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to send their entries electronically to Catrice Jefferson (jefferson.catrice@epa.gov). EPA will also accept hard copies of applications mailed to Catrice Jefferson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air and Radiation, MC-6103A, Room 5442-Q (WJC-North), 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20460. EPA will announce winners in 2019.

Climate Change/Energy

Tribal Energy Loan Guarantee Program: Apply by September 19

DOE's Loan Programs Office is accepting applications for the Tribal Energy Loan Guarantee Program, which supports economic opportunities to tribes through energy development projects and activities. Under this solicitation, DOE can guarantee up to 90% of the unpaid principal and interest due on any loan made to a federally recognized Indian tribe for energy development. The tribal borrower will be required to invest equity in the project and all project debt will be provided by non-federal lenders. [Learn more and apply](#).

DOI Geological Survey National Climate Adaptation Science Center Program - \$2,700,000

Application Due: September 21, 2018

Eligible Entities: State governments, local governments, tribal entities

The National Climate Adaptation Science Center (NCASC), formerly known as the National Climate Change & Wildlife Science Center Program, is issuing this

Announcement to identify organizations that propose to host or, as applicable, serve as consortium partners for a Department of the Interior (DOI) Climate Adaptation Science Center (CASC) in the regions indicated below, and to determine if their proposed science, partnership, and program support activities and strategies are appropriate to serve in these roles.

- Northeast Climate Adaptation Science Center (NE CASC)
- Pacific Islands Climate Adaptation Science Center (PI CASC)
- South Central Climate Adaptation Science Center (SC CASC)

The goal of each CASC is to work with managers of land; water; fish and wildlife; and nearshore, coastal, and cultural heritage resources to identify high priority resource management and decision needs for which information on climate/global change, impacts, and adaptation is needed, and to develop (through co-development where possible) scientific information and tools that can help managers develop strategies, policies, programs, and activities for responding to climate/global change. For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Changes to the EPA Tribal Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program FY18

The EPA is converting the FY 2018 Tribal DERA Request for Proposals (RFP) to a Request for Applications (RFA) and extending the deadline to apply from September 6, 2018, to April 3, 2019.

Why is this change occurring?

EPA is extending the deadline to April 3, 2019, for the FY 2018 Tribal DERA RFA to allow tribes that intend to utilize the “DERA Option” under the Volkswagen (VW) trust agreement the opportunity to participate in the second VW trust agreement funding cycle, which will run from December 2018- May 2019 according to proposed modifications to the trust agreement filed with the Court. Tribal beneficiaries to the trust may use trust funds as voluntary matching funds on Tribal DERA grants under the VW trust agreement Environmental Mitigation Action #10. This is known as the “DERA Option.”

In addition, the FY 2018 Tribal DERA Requests for Proposals (RFP) which opened in June has been amended to a Request for Applications (RFA). This is a new Agency requirement, and all new DERA competitive funding opportunities will be RFAs. The process to apply under a RFA is similar to the RFP, but applicants must submit four additional forms. Please review the full RFA for

application submission information. The amended 2018 Tribal DERA RFA and supporting documents are [available here](#).

Where can potential applicants learn more about the DERA Request for Applications?

EPA will hold two upcoming webinars about the FY 2018 Tribal DERA RFA. The first will be on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. (ET). The second will be on Thursday, February 21, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. (ET). Webinar information and links are [available here](#). DERA RFA Frequently Asked Questions are [available here](#). Questions about the DERA RFA may be directed to cleandiesel@epa.gov. Information about the VW trust agreement for tribal beneficiaries may be found at the [Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals \(ITEP\) website](#).

Indoor Air Quality

September 25, 2018, Is the New Extended Deadline for the HUD 2018 Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction NOFA

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes is extending the application period for its 2018 grants to state and local governments to control lead and other housing hazards in privately owned, low-income housing to September 25, 2018. First-time grantees can receive up to \$2.3 million for these 3½-year grants; previous grantees, up to \$4.1 million. Please [click here](#) for the funding notice and to apply.

Learn more about how to apply by contacting Shannon Steinbauer at shannon.e.steinbauer@hud.gov or 202-402-6885 (or by TTY at 800-877-8339). Also, please check out the [program website](#) for frequently asked questions and a link to additional resources about the program.

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](#).

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