



National Tribal Air Association

NTAA Weekly Update

*Week of January 9th –
January 13th, 2017*

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Arizona Republic - [Navajo Generating Station threatened with closure](#)

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E & E News - [Pruitt's hearing to be next week — Carper](#)

Reuters – [EPA head's top regret: failing to connect with rural America](#)

Greenwire – [Corps rejects calls for individual pipeline reviews](#)

E&E News - [Obama admin spars with critics over methane rule](#)

E&E News - [Republican resolution targets EPA new-source rule](#)

The Guardian – [The biggest environmental battles facing the Trump administration](#)

Bloomberg BNA – [EPA Moves Anti-Environmental Racism Program Office](#)

High Country News - [For tribes, new designations are culturally monumental](#)

NPR - [Bears Ears Monument Is A Win For Tribal Food Sovereignty. Will Trump Undo It?](#)

Care2 - [Dementia: Another Reason to Curb Air Pollution](#)

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Bismarck Tribune - [Tribe, corps side against Dakota Access in court claim](#)

Minneapolis Star Tribune - [Citing fear of spills, Wisconsin tribe turns on pipeline](#)

New York Times – [Sensing Gains Ahead under Trump, the Koch’s Court Minorities](#)

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Los Angeles Times – [Is this the year the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge will be targeted for oil drilling?](#)

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Los Angeles Times - [VW executive who was in charge of following U.S. emissions rules is arrested](#)

Washington Post - [Volkswagen close to pleading guilty over emissions scandal](#)

Bloomberg News - [VW Ordered to Face U.S. Investor Suit Over Diesel Cheating](#)

Indoor Air Quality

U.S. EPA - [EPA Designates January as National Radon Action Month](#)

The Coloradoan - [5 things to know about radon in your home](#)

Photos from the field

Indians.com - [Michigan mine gains two state permits; tribe vows to continue fight](#)



The Menominee River. Photo by Environmental Health News

UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA

U.S. EPA Webinar Today! Tribal Minor NSR Permitting Process (Boilers & Emergency Engines)

Intended Audience: Tribal Air Agencies

How to Participate: You do not need to register in advance for this webinar. To participate, please click on the webinar link at the date and time shown below. 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. See below for the webinar details:

Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Time: 1:00 – 2:30 PM Eastern Time

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

Conference ID#: 26459208

To Join the Meeting: <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/tribalminorsr>

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 #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

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

EPA is currently in the beginning stage of the 3rd round Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) designations.

State and Tribal recommendation letters are due no later than January 13, 2017. If you would like consultation or a separate area designations, that will need to be addressed in your recommendation letter to your EPA regional contact.

Information to States, Tribes, and the public regarding the SO₂ designations process can be [found here](#).

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 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. 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.

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. Online Docket: 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.

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
Air Pollution Technology	March 13-17	Flagstaff, AZ
Fundamentals of Air Monitoring (for lower 48)	April 4-6	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants	February 22-24	Phoenix, AZ
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 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](#).

U.S. EPA/NTAA Air Policy Update Call – Thursday, January 26th, 2016 at 2:00 pm ET. To participate, please send your request to andy.bessler@nau.edu.

Climate Change / Energy

EPA & Antioch University New England Webinar

January 12, Noon (ET) - Regional Collaboration for Resilience: How to Build Effective, Sustainable, Cross-Jurisdictional Climate Collaboratives

Participants in this webinar will learn how communities can collaborate at the regional scale to successfully advance climate mitigation and adaptation strategies. Cross-jurisdictional collaboration among municipal, county, and regional administrators; emergency managers; planners; public works personnel; leaders of business, community-based, health, education, and philanthropic institutions; and other stakeholders can successfully strengthen resilience and avoid maladaptive responses. In this webinar, participants will learn:

- Specific models for regional collaboration and examples of how regional collaboratives can advance climate resilience.
- How to establish a regional network of key local decision makers.
- How to identify clear first steps for regional resilience planning/implementation.

[Register](#)

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 12, 1 PM (ET) - Designing Publicly Supported Solar Loan Programs

This webinar will provide an overview of the Clean Energy States Alliance's new best practices guidebook on designing publicly supported residential solar loan programs. Report author Travis Lowder of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory will present.

[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

NTAA's Indoor Air Quality Work Group will hold its next call on Thursday, January 12th at 2 pm ET. To join the work group or the call, please contact NTAA Project Director Andy Bessler at 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 30th, 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, and here, 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.

RESOURCES

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](#):

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. Organizations that can apply (eligible entities) are typically based on the funding announcements' [authorizing statute](#) and [catalog of federal domestic assistance \(CFDA\)](#). [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.

Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Funding, [EPA Region 10](#)

Details at <https://www.epa.gov/tribal/region-10-tribal-environmental-gap-funding>. Draft budgets and work plans are due January 17, 2017. Funding amount: \$75,000 to \$128,000

EPA Region 10 is accepting proposals from federally recognized tribal governments and intertribal consortia for Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP) funding for work to be completed in fiscal year 2018. The goal of GAP is to assist tribes in building capacity to administer tribal environmental programs consistent with the federal laws the EPA is charged with implementing, according to their individual needs. Based on Region 10's GAP budget allocation, EPA will prioritize applicant funding in the following order:

- Individual Tribes. The primary purpose of GAP grants is to build tribal capacity for developing and administering environmental protection programs. Therefore, providing GAP grants to individual tribal governments is our highest priority.
- Intertribal Consortia. EPA will consider funding for intertribal consortia after it has funded individual tribes' proposals. Consortia work plans must meet the capacity-building needs of member tribes without duplicating individual tribal efforts.

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](#).

[FY 2017 National Climate Change & Wildlife Center Program \(Geological Survey\)](#)

This program was created to ensure that the National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center is responsive to the research and management needs of Federal and State agencies to provide science and technical support regarding the impacts of climate change in fish, wildlife, plants and ecological processes. National coordination of research and modeling at regional centers will ensure uniformity of downscaling and forecasting models and standardized information to support management of fish and wildlife resources and regional partnership collaborations. The CSC's will provide access to the expertise at cooperating universities and supports the mission of the program. Eligibility: Unrestricted. Funding opportunity # G16AS00129. Deadline: 01/12/17.

[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, and

here, 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. To learn more about healthy indoor environments and

indoor air quality, visit 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=onaptaannounce.pdf>

CodeTalk:

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

Most Recent Listing: EPA Rules from the Federal Register

Contents of the Federal Register for [Wednesday, January 11th, 2017](#)
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Rule

Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Approvals and Promulgations: Texas; Control of Air Pollution from Visible Emissions and Particulate Matter

FR Document: [2017-00087](#) Citation: 82 FR 3171 [PDF](#) Pages 3171-3172 (2 pages)
[Permalink](#)

Texas; Nonattainment and Reclassification of the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria 2008 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area; Correction

FR Document: [2017-00086](#) Citation: 82 FR 3172 [PDF](#) Pages 3172-3173 (2 pages)
[Permalink](#)

Uniform National Discharge Standards for Vessels of the Armed Forces—Phase II Batch One

FR Document: [2017-00153](#) Citation: 82 FR 3173 [PDF](#) Pages 3173-3185 (*13 pages*) [Permalink](#)

Proposed Rule

Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Approvals and Promulgations: Kentucky; Redesignation of the Kentucky Portion of the Louisville 1997 Annual PM_{2.5} Nonattainment Area to Attainment

FR Document: [2017-00324](#) Citation: 82 FR 3234 [PDF](#) Pages 3234-3250 (*17 pages*) [Permalink](#)

Maryland; Control of Nitrogen Oxide Emissions from Coal-Fired Electric Generating Units

FR Document: [2017-00309](#) Citation: 82 FR 3233 [PDF](#) Pages 3233-3234 (*2 pages*) [Permalink](#)

Federal Plan Requirements:

Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units

FR Document: [2016-31203](#) Citation: 82 FR 3554 [PDF](#) Pages 3554-3599 (*46 pages*) [Permalink](#)

Financial Responsibility Requirements:

CERCLA for Classes of Facilities in the Hardrock Mining Industry

FR Document: [2016-30047](#) Citation: 82 FR 3388 [PDF](#) Pages 3388-3512 (*125 pages*) [Permalink](#)

Facilities in the Chemical, Petroleum and Electric Power Industries

FR Document: [2016-30040](#) Citation: 82 FR 3512 [PDF](#) Pages 3512-3516 (*5 pages*) [Permalink](#)

National Primary Drinking Water Regulations:

Announcement of the Results of EPA's Review of Existing Drinking Water Standards and Request for Public Comment and/or Information on Related Issues

FR Document: [2016-31262](#) Citation: 82 FR 3518 [PDF](#) Pages 3518-3552 (*35 pages*) [Permalink](#)