



National Tribal Air Association

NTAA Weekly Update

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TOP STORIES

NPR – [A Few Things to Know about Why Treaties Matter](#) (video)

Salt Lake Tribune – [Five American Indian tribes, furious over Trump shrinking Bears Ears on his trip to Utah, sue the president](#)

USA Today - [Forget Paris: U.S. mayors sign their own pact after Trump ditches climate accord](#)

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

NY Times – [Air Pollution May Weaken the Bones](#)

Capital News – [UN report shows air pollution to be single biggest environmental killer](#)

BU School of Public Health - [Air Pollution Exposure Inequality Persists in Massachusetts](#)

European Space Agency – [Sentinel-5P Brings Air Pollution into Focus](#)

The Hill - [Greens, health groups sue Trump EPA over missed Obama smog rule deadline](#)

High Country News – [The people fighting to protect the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge](#)

The Hill – [GOP on verge of opening Arctic refuge to drilling](#)

Reuters - [U.S. oil industry group launches voluntary program to cut methane](#)

E&E News – [House releases continuing resolution to avoid shutdown](#)

E&E News – [State Department: Next boss may bring less interest in climate, more clout](#)

NY Times – [Canada’s Supreme Court Backs Indigenous Rights in Dispute over Yukon Wilderness](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

LA Times – [Fires, droughts and hurricanes: What’s the link between climate change and natural disasters?](#)

NPR – [Credit Rating Agency Issues Warning On Climate Change to Cities](#)

Quartz – [Humanity’s fight against climate change is failing. One technology can change that.](#)

E&E News – [Climate change makes Dust Bowl’s lessons new again](#)

The Hill – [Supreme Court to hear arguments in solar power dispute](#)

E&E News – [DOE: Moniz, states to release report abandoned by Trump](#)

Cape Cod Times – [The final blow for Cape Wind](#)

Axios – [Exclusive: Coal and nuclear firms seek billions in new tax credits](#)

Bloomberg – [A \\$12 Billion Clean-Energy Tool That U.S. Tax Reform Could Kill](#)

Scientific American – [El Niño Might Speed Up Climate Change](#)

The Week – [Anchorage’s climate change conundrum](#)

Bismarck Tribune – [Study aims to determine feasibility of underground carbon storage](#)

Pipelines

Native Sun News – [Tribes vow ‘people power will stop this pipeline’](#)

Colorlines – [Keystone Pipeline Spill Caused By Construction Damage](#)

Inside Climate News - [Judge Orders Dakota Access Pipeline Spill Response Plan, with Tribe's Input](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Reuters - [Volkswagen executive faces sentencing in U.S. emissions fraud case](#)

Bloomberg Technology – [VW Bosses Coached Me to Lie, Jailed Manager Tells U.S. Judge](#)

Indianz – [Cronkite News: Environmental groups sue to block ‘dangerous’ copper mine in Arizona](#)

NPR – [U.N. Body Alarmed Over Mining Waste Disasters](#)

The Hill – [EPA scuttles rule on mining cleanup funding](#)

USA Today – [Toyota to build power plant to convert cattle manure into electricity, hydrogen](#)

Indoor Air Quality

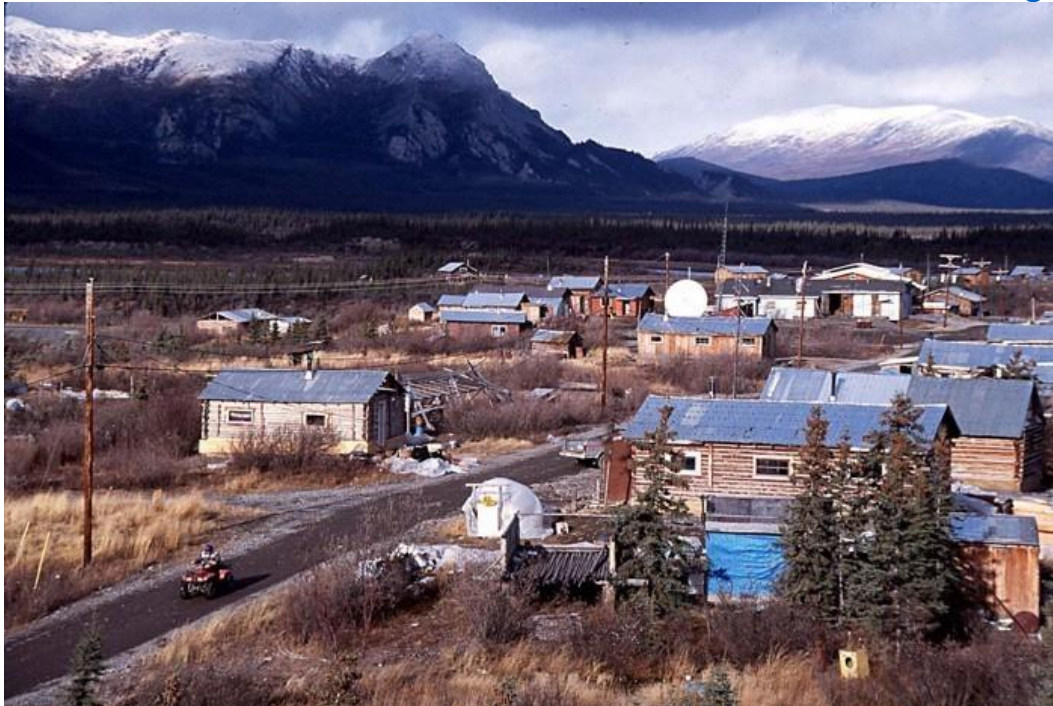
Photos from the field

Los Angeles Times - [Ventura County wildfire destroys more homes, reaches Pacific Ocean](#)



*Residents watch the Thomas fire on Prospect Street in Ventura.
Michael Owen Baker / For the Los Angeles Times*

The Atlantic – [The GOP Tax Bill Could Forever Alter Alaska’s Indigenous Tribes](#)



*Arctic Village, Alaska, is at the foot of the Brooks Range, about 200 miles north of the Arctic Circle.
(Al Grillo / AP)*

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UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Save the Date and Help Out!

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) are beginning to plan the [2018 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality \(NTFAQ\)](#) which will be held May 14-18, 2018. We are recruiting Tribal, EPA, and other staff who are interested in helping to shape the agenda and make it as informative and interactive as possible.

To do this, we are forming workgroups around the various sessions that are planned and are seeking volunteers to help contribute to the workgroups. If you are interested, please submit your name on the form linked below and we will include you in the workgroup(s) of your choice. You may also invite others from Tribes, EPA, state/local governments, etc. You can [volunteer for NTF planning workgroups 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!

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

Volkswagen Settlement Work Group: Continue to help in the next steps of this settlement	Thursday, December 14, 2pm ET
EPA Policy Update Call: Receive updates from EPA	Thursday, December 21, 2pm ET
Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Help implement IAQ priorities and develop webinars	Thursday, January 18, 2pm ET

**NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE SOCIETY
SOUTHWEST REGION Now Accepting Applications for the 21st Annual
Natural Resources Youth Practicum**

Location: Rio Mora National Wildlife Refuge, Waltrous, New Mexico

Dates: June 18-22, 2018

Do you want to know what Natural Resource Management is about?

Come join us as we provide a “hands-on” learning experience in the field of natural resource management with combined classroom and field sessions that enables you to become involved in all aspects of natural resource management & conservation.

The NAFWS Natural Resource Youth Practicum is open to all incoming 10th through 12th graders (No cost to Participating Students)

For further information and an application contact:

Norman Jojola – (505) 753-1451 or (505) 927-3494 (cell) norman.jojola@bia.gov
or

Jeanne Lubbering – (505) 259-4189 (leave a message) petlbtj@higher-speed.net

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

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 2017 and 2018 AIAQTP Course Schedule](#)

Course Title	Dates	Location
2018		
Introduction to Tribal Air Quality	January 9-12	Flagstaff, AZ
IAQ Diagnostic Tools	February 6-9	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Air Quality Computations	February 27- March 2	Phoenix, AZ
Air Pollution Technology	March 13-16	Flagstaff, AZ
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke (hybrid course)	March 27-28	Boise, ID

GIS for Air Quality	April 17-19	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Air Quality in Alaska	April 17-20	AK
Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants (lower 48)	May 1-3	TBD
National Tribal Forum on Air Quality	May 14-18	TBD
Air Pollution & Ecosystems	June 5-8	Flagstaff, AZ
Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Cold Climates	Open	Online
Residential Building Science Review	Open	Online
Radon Fundamentals	Open	Online
Quality Assurance (QA) Fundamentals	Open	Online
Emissions Inventory (self-paced, instructor assistance as needed)	Open	Online
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke	January-March	Hybrid (webinars/classroom)

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](#).

Save the Dates: Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke

This webinar series will provide attendees with an understanding of the impacts of wildland smoke on the health of tribal communities and strategies to minimize exposure. Each 90-minute webinar will feature multiple presentations on the topics listed below. The webinars are free and open to anyone; registration for the webinars will be available in late November. The webinars will be recorded.

❖ Webinar 1 – January 18, 2018, 2:00 pm EASTERN STANDARD TIME

We will explore the components of wildland smoke, how much is produced under different circumstances, and how the components of smoke affect our health.

❖ Webinar 2 – February 1, 2018, 2:00 pm EASTERN STANDARD TIME

This webinar will look at modeling of smoke movement, the role of air resources advisors (ARAs), and the use of portable monitors or sensors to collect data.

❖ Webinar 3 – February 15, 2018, 2:00 pm EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Gathering and disseminating information to our communities before, during, and after a smoke event is critical to ensuring the health and safety of our communities. This webinar will provide tips and strategies for finding information, using social media, and developing outreach products.

❖ Webinar 4 – March 1, 2018, 2:00 pm EASTERN STANDARD TIME

In this webinar, Tribal presenters will describe how smoke events impacted their communities, how utilizing monitoring data during a wildfire can help identify health risks, and how tribes can better prepare for wildfire seasons.

❖ Webinar 5 – March 15, 2018, 2:00 pm EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME

With smoke events increasingly common, the final webinar will provide information on preparing homes for smoke intrusion, using air scrubbers, creating community cleaner-air shelters, and protecting the health of pets and livestock. Tribal staff have an opportunity to participate in a hands-on workshop designed to reinforce the concepts presented in the webinar series. Workshop participants will learn and practice additional skills that will aid in preparation for wildland smoke events. All webinars must be completed prior to the in-person workshop (scheduled for Boise, Idaho, March 27-28, 2018). The in-person workshop application will be available in mid-December on the ITEP website:

http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air.

If you would like additional information please contact Pat Ellsworth, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, at patricia.ellsworth@nau.edu or 928-523-672.

Data Analysis and Reporting Tool (DART) Webinar

December 19, 2017; 10:00 AM PT, 11:00 MT, 12:00 CT and 1:00 ET

Sponsored by: Western Regional Air Partnership Tribal Data Workgroup

To attend [follow this link](#).

For Audio - 800-768-2983 access code 5859608

Attend the webinar to learn about the capabilities for data management, analysis and reporting of the tool. DART is a web-based application designed for acquiring, analyzing and screening all types of air quality data.

DART can be accessed through the password-protected [AirNow-Tech website](#). In the “About” box click on Register for AirNow Tech Account, then provide the information requested. Your request will then be reviewed and permission given by email. Once the data has been entered (manually or from AQS Data Mart) you can create graphs, screen for data validation and preform and if new data format then export to AQS.

The webinar will provide information on signing up for AirNow-Tech, general workflow of data through DART, how to enter data, create graphs, Screen for unreliable data,

The Western Regional Air Partnership (WRAP) is a voluntary partnership of states, tribes, federal land managers, local air agencies and the US EPA whose purpose is to understand current and evolving regional air quality issues in the West such as Regional Haze Rule; pollutants; emissions sources; air pollution transport; and effects of climate change on regional air quality.

The Tribal Data Workgroup (TDWG) works as part of the Technical Steering Committee to identify issues and concerns; gather information and data; provide training opportunities, participate in the regional haze planning effort and coordinate with other workgroups.

To become a Tribal WRAP member or to be part of the TDWG contact Tom Moore, tmoore@westar.org

Climate Change / Energy

The [Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals \(ITEP\) Climate Change Program](#) Presents the Webinar: Climate Change and Air Quality

Date: Wednesday, December 13th 2017 at 11 AM (MST) (2 PM ET)

[Click here to register for this free webinar](#)

This free webinar is an installment of the *Topics in Climate Change Adaptation Planning* webinar series.

Native Americans already face a variety of air quality problems including allergies, respiratory infections, higher rates of asthma than the national average, and lung cancer associated with poor indoor air quality. Climate change may exacerbate air quality issues. This webinar will focus on climate change impacts on air quality and on actions that Native people can and are taking to ensure the health of their communities and of the environment. For many Native people, air is a significant element found in many parts of their cultures, songs, and ceremonies thus playing a vital role in their daily and spiritual well-being.

ITEP is honored to have three speakers who work within the field of air quality at the local and national levels. Neal Fann, with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, was the lead author for and will discuss the findings of the Air Quality Impacts chapter of a U.S. Global Change Research Program report, *The Impacts of Climate Change on Human Health in the United States*. Althea Walker, with the Gila River Indian Community, will provide insight into their climate change adaptation planning efforts, in particular with respect to air quality. Finally, Dr. Pat Ellsworth, with ITEP, will provide a brief overview of

ITEP's upcoming Air Quality Planning and Wildland Smoke course, which will include some potential adaptation strategies.

There will be time for audience questions at the end of the webinar. Please note that we will allow unlimited registration for the webinar. However, on the actual day of the webinar, only the first 100 people to sign in will be able to participate.

Presenters:

- Neal Fann, USEPA
- Althea Walker, Gila River Indian Community
- Pat Ellsworth, Ph.D., ITEP, American Indian Air Quality Training Program

There is no cost to attend the webinar, but advance registration is required. Please use the following link to register for the webinar:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1754929796628099587>

Please direct any questions to: Nikki Cooley (Nikki.Cooley@nau.edu) and Karen Cozzetto (Karen.Cozzetto@nau.edu), Program Managers

Toxics/Mobile Sources

The Institute for Tribal Environment Professional's VW Settlement Technical Assistance Program Introductory Webinar for Tribes to Access the VW Settlement

When: Thursday, December 7, 2017, 10 am AK/2 pm ET

You are invited to join ITEP's VW Settlement Technical Assistance Program's webinar to learn how Tribes can access the \$55 million settlement from Clean Air Act violations by the automaker Volkswagen. For the next 6-10 years, Tribes will be able to sign up as settlement beneficiaries and submit environmental mitigation plans to replace or repower a selected list of diesel vehicles. Tribes have until January 2, 2018 to submit a funding request for the first round of funding and subsequent years have a deadline of September 1st of each year until 2023. If any of the \$55 million remains after 2023, funds will remain available to Tribes until the funds are exhausted.

This webinar will last one and a half hours and will provide attendees:

1. A brief introduction to the settlement
2. A review of the specific documentation that Tribes must submit to the VW Settlement Trustee
3. Specific resources for Tribes to use in submitting their documentation
4. Time to ask specific questions about the VW Settlement

The webinar will be moderated by ITEP's Project Director [Andy Bessler](#).

Participants can use their telephone or computer mic & speakers to hear audio:

1 (415) 655-0060 with Access Code: 259-461-573

Register and log in here to view documents discussed during the

webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3176247586848606723>

[Click here](#) to learn more and please contact us if you have any questions!

Indoor Air Quality

EPA's School Integrated Pest Management Network's Webinar: Bed Bug Management on Tribal Lands

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 | 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. ET

[Register here!](#)

Bed bugs - those insects that creep into your bedroom to steal blood meals. From Minnesota and Maine to New Mexico and Florida, learn about the bed bug issues and control challenges tribal leaders face. This webinar will showcase information on the current technologies to aid tribal communities in combating this unwanted pest.

Presenters will describe the steps you can take to prevent and deal with infestations. While designed for tribes, everyone is welcome to join this webinar to learn more about controlling bed bugs in their unique locations and facilities.

Take advantage of these experts. A live Q/A will follow after the webinar. Get your questions answered.

Presenters:

- Donald Baumgartner, Medical Entomologist, EPA Region 5
- Kathie Brosemer, Environmental Program Manager, Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians
- Larry Scrapper, Environmental Specialist, Cherokee Indian Environmental Programs
- Marcia Anderson, Ph.D., EPA's Center for Integrated Pest Management

Space is limited to the first 1,000 to register.

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RESOURCES

Now Hiring!

The vacant BIA Midwest Region Biologist positions are now posted on www.usajobs.gov at [this link](#). The application deadline is December 13, 2017.

These positions will serve as program specialists for the BIA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) program. One position is located in Bloomington, MN and one is located in Ashland, WI.

Southern Ute Tribe's Air Quality Program is hiring an Air Quality Scientist

Job Title: Air Quality Scientist

Closing Date: 12/11/2017

Position Summary

Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Technical Manager, coordinates, supervises and conducts technical and regulatory tasks within the Permitting Section of the Tribal Air Quality Program. This position is a grade 21 / \$26.45/hour.

[Learn more here.](#)

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HOST SITES NEEDED FOR ITEP'S SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Submit your application by January 19, 2018!

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. Please feel free to pass the announcement on to anyone who may be interested in applying as a host site. Projects **MUST** focus on addressing air quality issues in tribal communities.

For detailed information on the internship and requirements, see the attached flyer or visit our internship web-site:

<http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/eeop/Internships/>

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT: ITEP Intern Coordinator EEOP-INTERN@nau.edu

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently seeking nominations from a diverse range of candidates to serve on the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT).

Deadline: January 3, 2018

This is a great opportunity for concerned citizens to assist the agency in advancing its mission to protect human health and the environment. EPA established NACEPT in 1988 to provide advice to the EPA Administrator on a broad range of environmental policy, technology and management issues. Members serve as

representatives from academia, business and industry, non-governmental organizations, and, local, state, and tribal governments.

EPA is seeking nominations from candidates representing all sectors noted above. Individuals with a strong background in the following fields are encouraged to apply: data management/monitoring, social science, economic initiatives, public health, biodiversity, community sustainability, environmental policy/management, and environmental justice.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate nominees:

- Professional knowledge of environmental policy, management, and technology issues.
 - Demonstrated ability to assess and analyze environmental challenges with objectivity and integrity.
 - Middle/Senior-level leadership experience that fills a current need on the Council.
 - Excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills, and consensus-building skills.
 - Ability to volunteer approximately 10 to 15 hours per month to the Council's activities, including participation in face-to-face meetings, video/teleconference meetings and preparation of documents for the Council's reports and advice letters.
- In order to fill anticipated vacancies by April 2018, nomination packages should be received by January 3, 2018. For full details regarding the nomination process and to learn more about NACEPT, please visit:

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-21/html/2017-25188.htm>

For additional information regarding this notice, please contact Eugene Green at (202) 564-2432 or the Federal Advisory Committee Management Division at (202) 564-2294.

EPA Tools and Resources Webinar Series

Usually held the third Wednesday of every month from 3:00-4:00 PM ET
Who should attend? Representatives of state environment and health agencies, tribes, local governments, communities, and others interested in learning about EPA tools and resources available to help inform decision-making.

[Access past webinars and learn more here.](#)

“Particle Pollution and Your Patients’ Health” Course

This EPA course is designed for family medicine physicians, internists, pediatricians, occupational and rehabilitation physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, asthma educators, pulmonary specialists, cardiologists, and other medical professionals. Upon completing this course, you will be able to:

- Explain what size particles are the greatest health concern and where and when they are a problem.
- Identify how particle pollution exposure affects the cardiovascular and respiratory systems.
- Identify how particle pollution exposure can affect the general population.
- Identify how particle pollution exposure affects patients with cardiovascular or respiratory disease.
- Explain the purpose and use of the Air Quality Index for advising patients how to protect their health.
- Discuss methods to reduce exposure during high particle pollution events.
- Address typical patient questions and clinical scenarios relating to particle pollution exposure.

[Access the course here!](#)

No-Cost Technical Assistance from DOE

The DOE Office of Indian Energy provides federally recognized Indian tribes, including Alaska Native villages, tribal energy resource development organizations, and other organized tribal groups and communities, with technical assistance to advance tribal energy projects at no cost. Technical experts from DOE and its national laboratories, along with other partnering organizations, provide support to assist Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages with energy planning, housing and building energy efficiency, project development, policy and regulation, resilience, and village power.

For more information, visit the on-request [technical assistance description](#).

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

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

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

EPA EJ Collaborative Problem-Solving Grants Opportunity is Now Open!! 2018 Request for Proposals

Full Proposal Due Date: *Friday, February 16, 2018 by 11:59 PM Eastern Time*

The Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving (EJCPS) Cooperative Agreement Program provides funding to support community-based organizations in their efforts to collaborate and partner with local stakeholder groups (e.g., local businesses and industry, local government, medical providers, and academia) as they develop and implement solutions that address environmental and/or public health issues for underserved communities. The EJCPS program will award approximately \$1.2 million nationwide for this competitive opportunity. EPA anticipates awarding ten cooperative agreements (one in each of the ten EPA Regions) of up to \$120,000 each.

Informational Pre-Application Assistance Call

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 from 4:00 – 5:30 PM (Eastern Time)

Potential applicants are invited to participate in this upcoming conference call with EPA to address questions about the EJCPS Program and this solicitation. Interested persons may access the pre-application assistance with the following information:

Conference Call Number: 1-866-299-3188; then dial the conference code 202-564-0152 when prompted.

4 additional pre-application assistance calls, including one in Spanish, are scheduled throughout the open period. See the RFP for details.

Is my organization eligible?

Eligible entities for this opportunity are as follows:

- incorporated non-profit organizations—including, but not limited to, environmental justice networks, faith based organizations and those affiliated with religious institutions
- federally recognized tribal governments—including Alaska Native Villages;
OR
- tribal organizations

If your organization is NOT eligible, we encourage partnering with eligible entities on an EJCPS project. See the RFP for more information.

How can I apply?

Click the link below to go directly to the EJCPS program website to access the full RFP including instructions on applying through Grants.gov:

[FY2018 EJ Collaborative Problem-Solving RFP webpage](#)

FY 2017 Economic Development Assistance Programs, Department of Commerce

Full details [here](#)

There are no submission deadlines under this opportunity.

Funding range: \$100,000 to \$3,000,000

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) solicits applications from applicants in rural and urban areas to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs. Grants and cooperative agreements made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities. EDA provides strategic investments on a competitive- merit-basis to support economic development, foster job creation, and attract private investment in economically distressed areas of the United States. There are no submission deadlines under this opportunity. Proposals and applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until the publication of a new Economic Development Assistance Program Federal Funding Opportunity announcement.

Bureau of Reclamation Provides Technical Assistance Funding Opportunity to Tribes

The Bureau of Reclamation has issued a funding opportunity for technical assistance to Indian tribes and tribal organizations through the Native American Affairs Technical Assistance to Tribes Program. This program is intended to establish cooperative working relationships, through partnerships with Indian tribes and tribal organizations, to ensure that tribes have the opportunity to participate fully in Reclamation's Program as they develop, manage, and protect their water and related resources.

This funding opportunity is available on [grants.gov](#) by searching for funding opportunity BOR-DO-18-F001. The deadline for submission of proposals is January 17, 2018.

Eligible proposals that are not awarded during the current fiscal year due to a lack of time or available funding may be retained by Reclamation for consideration

in the next fiscal year if the applicant agrees. Reclamation will contact applicants should this circumstance arise to discuss available options.

For additional information, please visit <https://www.usbr.gov/native/> or contact Kelly Titensor at ktitensor@usbr.gov.

Climate Change/Energy

Toxics/Mobile Sources

2017 Tribal Request for Proposals (RFP) Diesel Emissions Reduction Program (DERA) now open!

We are excited to announce a funding opportunity for tribal governments and Alaska native villages. EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting proposals nationwide for tribal projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions in terms of tons of pollution produced by diesel engines and diesel emissions exposure, particularly from fleets located in areas designated as having poor air quality. EPA anticipates awarding \$1.5 million in DERA grant funding under this announcement.

Important dates

Thursday, October 5, 2017	RFP Opens
Thursday, November 9, 2-3:30 pm (ET)	Webinar #2 Dial-In - 866-299-3188; Passcode 3439147#
Thursday, January 18, 2018; 11:59 pm (ET)	RFP Closes – Proposals Due
Spring 2018	Anticipated Notification of Selection
Spring/Summer 2018	Anticipated Award

Eligible Entities

Eligible entities include tribal governments (or intertribal consortia) and Alaska native villages which have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality.

Eligible Vehicles and Technologies

Eligible diesel vehicles, engines and equipment may include buses, Class 5 – Class 8 heavy-duty highway vehicles, marine engines, locomotives and nonroad engines, equipment or vehicles used in construction, handling of cargo (including at a port or airport), agriculture, mining or energy production (including stationary generators and pumps).

Eligible diesel emission reduction solutions include EPA or California Air Resources Board verified emission control technologies such as exhaust controls, cleaner fuels, and engine upgrades, idle reduction technologies, aerodynamic technologies and low rolling resistance tires, certified engine repowers, clean alternative fuel conversion kits, and/or certified vehicle or equipment replacement.

Additional Resources

For detailed information on eligibility and application requirements, please review the 2017 Tribal Request for Proposals (RFP) on the following webpage:

www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-tribal-grants.

For questions, please contact:

Lucita Valiere DERA Tribal Lead EPA Region 10 Phone: 206-553-8087
Email: valiere.lucita@epa.gov

Indoor Air Quality

The Tribal Healthy Homes Network (THHN) has a webpage dedicated to [Funding Opportunities!](#) Additionally, THHN has developed a [Funding Guide for American Indian and Alaska Native Communities](#).

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Most Recent Listing: EPA Rules from the Federal Register

EPA Rules posted today from the Federal Register for Wednesday, December 6, 2017. (Past copies can be accessed [here](#)).

Notice

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System General Permits: Low Threat Discharges in Navajo Nation and Bulk Fuel Storage Facilities in Guam

FR Document: [2017-26302](#) Citation: 82 FR 57598 [PDF](#) Pages 57598-57599 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

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