



National Tribal Air Association

NTAA Weekly Update

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PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

Anchorage Daily News - [At 8:29 Friday morning, everyone emerged from Alaska's big earthquake with a story to tell](#)



The northbound onramp for International Airport Rd. at Minnesota Blvd. collapsed Friday morning, Nov. 30, 2018 after a strong earthquake shook southcentral Alaska. (Courtesy Ryan Marlow / Alaska Aerial Media)

TOP STORIES

VW Settlement Trustee Notice and U.S. Notice of Filing of Modified Indian Tribe Trust Agreement

The United States has filed the final, fully executed Environmental Mitigation Trust Agreement for Indian Tribe Trust Beneficiaries (as modified on November 15, 2018) with the United States District Judge for the Northern District of California.

The VW Settlement Trustee will provide a Notice of Beneficiary Designation for the Indian Tribe Trust on January 15, 2019 (for the second funding cycle) and moving forward:

- January 15, 2020 (for the third funding cycle)

- January 15, 2021 (for the fourth funding cycle and any subsequent funding cycles)

The trustee will notify Tribes certified as beneficiaries in the first round by December 31st with final allocation totals. All federally recognized Tribes not certified in the first round of funding will have until March 18, 2019 to complete the forms necessary to certify as a beneficiary for the second round of funding. To view the final trust agreement, please visit this website:

<https://www.vwenvironmentalmitigationtrust.com/media/19>

New York Times - [E.P.A. to Roll Back a Restriction on New Coal-Burning Plants](#)

AP - [Climate talks shift to nitty-gritty details of Paris accord](#)

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Weather Nation - [Fires in Northern California Present Challenges to Native Tribes](#)

Tulsa World - [In a tribal first for Oklahoma, Cherokees seek direct federal assistance following tornadoes](#)

Clean Technica - [Air Pollution Has a Devastating Impact on Children's Health](#)

Reuters - [Little lab on the prairie is a gold mine for U.S. 'clean coal' investors](#)

Reuters - [Madrid restricts traffic in city center to clean up air pollution](#)

The Hill - [California wildfires released one year's worth of power pollution](#)

Arizona Daily Sun - [High court rules against Hopi Tribe in snowmaking challenge](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

New York Times - [In the Blink of an Eye, a Hunt for Oil Threatens Pristine Alaska](#)

New York Times - [Trump's 'Energy Dominance' Doctrine Is Undermined by Climate Change](#)

CNN - ['Trump Effect' is hurting Paris Agreement, says report](#)

Reuters - [Carbon emissions from rich nations set to rise in 2018: IEA](#)

PBS Newshour - [Camp Fire Children Face Trauma of Climate Change At Home, School](#)

Politico - [EPA chief: Trump administration may intervene in next climate study](#)

Bloomberg News - [Xcel Is First Big U.S. Utility to Swear Off Greenhouse Gas](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

The Hill - [Kudlow calls for end to subsidies for electric cars, renewables](#)

Bloomberg – [VW Emissions Trust to Fund More Tribes' Air Quality Efforts](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Environmental Working Group – [Breathe Easy: Healthier Indoor Air in Cold Weather, Part 1](#)

Sensors Online - [Guidelines for Building Sensors to Measure Indoor Air Quality](#)

Be sure to subscribe to [EPA's IAQ Bulletins](#)

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UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Proposal to Approve and Public Comment Period for Kalispell Indian Community's Redesignation to Class 1

Comment deadline: December 14, 2018

[More information here.](#)

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/EPA Air Policy Update Call: Receive air quality policy updates from EPA and NTAA	TBD
Wood Smoke Work Group: Join this work group to help address air quality issues arising from wood smoke	Wednesday, December 19, 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, December 6, 1pm ET <i>Please note the change in time from our normal schedule!</i>
Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Join these calls to help address the air most people breathe most of the time	Thursday, December 13, 2pm ET

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		
Air Quality in Alaska	December 11-14	Fairbanks, AK	1
	2019		
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)	April 2-3	Boise, ID	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
Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Communities (lower 48)	April 30-May 2	TBD	3
NTF	May		
Air Pollution and Ecosystems	June 4-7	Flagstaff, AZ	2
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke (hybrid course)	January-March	Series of 6 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	In development	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

National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA) webinar Basics of the Power Grid

December 6, 2pm-3pm ET. Open to NACAA members. [More information here.](#)

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.](#)

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Indoor Air Quality

The Federal Interagency Committee on Indoor Air Quality Webinar (CIAQ) (CIAQ) will hold its next public webinar on Wednesday, December 5, 2018, beginning at 1:00 p.m. EST. CIAQ member agencies will provide updates on indoor environmental quality activities, with the goal of enhancing opportunities for collaboration and coordination. Additionally, the meeting will feature presentations on the potential hazardous emissions from the use of 3D printers indoors by Dr. Marilyn Black of Underwriters Laboratories and Dr. Rodney Weber of Georgia Tech. [Register for the webinar here.](#) For audio, participants should call toll-free (855) 883-8661 and use conference ID 6562668. Visit [EPA's website for more information](#) on the CIAQ and its activities. If you have a presentation topic

you would like to suggest for future consideration, please send it to burton.laureen@epa.gov.

Webinar: “Resources for Residents: A Showcase of Indoor Air and Healthy Homes Resources for Tribal Outreach”

The Tribal Healthy Homes Network and the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, in collaboration with agency and tribal partners, will showcase and provide links to a wide range of educational resources specifically for residents - resources you can use to inform and engage your community, your tenants, your patients, elders and youth.

Date & Time: Wednesday, December 12th, 2018, 10:00am – 11:30am PST

Description: Our presenters will showcase and provide links to access their tribal and agency resources specifically for residents - resources you can use to inform and engage your community, your tenants, your patients, elders and youth. We will share everything from healthy homes educational pamphlets and handouts, to videos and radio ads, to checklists and calendars. All healthy home topics will be included (e.g., mold, lead, radon, woodsmoke).

Who Should Attend: Tribal housing (resident services specialists, inspectors, managers); tribal health care (community health workers, nurses, public health), tribal environmental (air quality, health and safety).

REGISTER [HERE](#)

Residential Wood Heaters New Source Performance Standards Public Hearing

EPA will hold a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for Residential Wood Heaters. The hearing will be held on Monday, December 17, 2018, from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. (ET) in:

- Washington, District of Columbia – EPA WJC East Building, Room 117A&B, 1201 Constitution Avenue

EPA will begin pre-registering speakers for the hearing upon publication of the proposal in the Federal Register. For more information, [follow this link](#).

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RESOURCES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

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](#)

Deadline: Apply by January 18, 2019.

If you know of a college student that might be interested in being an intern, [encourage them to apply](#).

For detailed information on the internship and requirements, [visit our internship web-site](#).

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

ITEP Intern Coordinator Mansel A. Nelson, EEOP Program Coordinator
EEOP-INTERN@nau.edu 928-523-1275 (Please leave a message)
mansel.nelson@nau.edu.

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

Climate Change/Energy

Tribal Climate Adaptation Guidebook now available – The Oregon Climate Change Research Institute, along with Adaptation International, created the [Tribal Climate Adaptation Guidebook](#), which provides a framework for climate change adaptation planning in the context of existing tribal priorities. The *Guidebook* builds on the on-going climate-related work in tribal communities, directly considers the unique issues facing Indigenous communities, and identifies opportunities and guidance for incorporating Traditional Knowledges based on the Climate and Traditional Knowledges Workgroup's [Guidelines for Considering Traditional Knowledges \(TKs\) in Climate Change Initiatives](#). The *Tribal Climate Adaptation Guidebook* is designed to be useful for tribes at any stage of adaptation planning and with varying degrees of funding and staff capacity. The *Guidebook* is designed so that tribes can work through any applicable section and skip sections that are not applicable.

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

Opportunity for U.S. EPA Technical Assistance: Travel Efficiency Emissions Assessment and Planning

The U.S. EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ) is seeking to partner with state, tribal, regional or local transportation and air quality agencies interested in assessing transportation sector emissions and exploring how they could be reduced through travel efficiency strategies. This opportunity continues the EPA's program of Travel Efficiency Assessment Method (TEAM) [technical assistance and case studies](#) provided from 2011-2018. The TEAM approach uses travel activity data for the analysis area, transportation sketch modeling techniques, and [EPA's MOVES emission model](#) to estimate emissions with and without travel efficiency strategies chosen by the partner agency, so that their benefits can be estimated. Agencies selected to participate in this project will have the technical support of EPA's team of experts to help the participating agency identify and define strategies of interest, gather information, and conduct the analyses. EPA will create baseline and future year on-road emissions inventories to compare the potential effects of the travel efficiency strategies to a business-as-usual scenario. For more information, contact Mark Simons (simons.mark@epa.gov). Letters of interest are due by January 11, 2019.

Indoor Air Quality

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

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Now Hiring!

The University of Minnesota's College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences is hiring an Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor of Tribal Natural Resources

Deadline to apply is January 7, 2019

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

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EPA Environmental Justice Small Grants Opportunity is Now Open!

2019 Request for Proposals

Full Proposal Due Date: Friday, February 15, 2019 by 11:59 PM Eastern Time

The Environmental Justice Small Grants (EJSG) program awards grants that support community-driven projects designed to engage, educate, and empower communities to better understand local environmental and public health issues and develop strategies for addressing those issues, building consensus in the community, and setting community priorities. The EJSG program will award approximately \$1.5 million nationwide for this competitive opportunity. EPA anticipates awarding approximately 50 grants (5 per EPA region) of up to \$30,000 each. These grants are for one-year projects. See additional details at: [FY2019 EJ Small Grants RFP webpage](#)

Informational Pre-Application Assistance Calls (Eastern Time)

- Thursday, December 6, 2018 - 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday, December 13, 2018 (EJSCREEN Tutorial for applicants) - 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 16, 2019 (en Espanol) - 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 23, 2019 - 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- Thursday January 31, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Go directly to the EJSG program website to access the full RFP including instructions on applying through [Grants.gov: FY2019 EJ Small Grants RFP webpage](#).

RFA posted for the “16th Annual P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet”

This RFA has been posted on the EPA Research Grants website. It can be viewed [by clicking here](#). The deadline to submit is December 11, 2018.

EPA 2018 Targeted Airshed Grant Program - \$40 million

Applications Due: January 4, 2019

Eligible Entities: local, state and/or tribal air pollution control agencies

This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits applications from eligible entities to compete for financial assistance through the Targeted Airshed Grant Program. This program will assist local, state and/or tribal air pollution control agencies to develop plans and conduct projects to reduce air pollution in nonattainment areas that EPA determines are the top five most polluted areas relative to ozone (O₃), annual average fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), or 24-hour PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The overall goal of the

Targeted Airshed Grant Program is to reduce air pollution in the nation's areas with the highest levels of ozone and PM2.5 ambient air concentrations. For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)

Please note this NOFA is ONLY for *FY18 funds* with an application deadline date of January 7, 2019. Apply at: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=309778> Please send any ICDBG NOFA related questions to: ONAP-ICDBG@hud.gov

Climate Change/Energy

USDA Forest Service Wildfire Risk Reduction/Wildfire Response - \$2.1 million

Application Due: December 21, 2018

Eligible Entities: State governments, local governments, and Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)

The U.S. Forest Service supports Moving Toward Shared Stewardship Across Landscapes as part of a conceptual framework for making strategic investments across landscapes to co-manage wildfire risk and achieve positive outcomes at the most appropriate scale. Within this framework, The Northeastern Area Cohesive Fire Strategy Competitive Request for Applications is designed to support and carry out the goals of the National Cohesive Wildland Fire Management Strategy (NCS) across the Midwestern and Northeastern States as well as meet the intent of the current year budget direction. These national goals are:

1. Restore and Maintain Landscapes: Landscapes across all jurisdictions are resilient to fire-related disturbances in accordance with management objectives.
2. Create Fire Adapted Communities: Human populations and infrastructure can withstand a wildfire without loss of life and property.
3. Improve Wildfire Response: All jurisdictions participate in making and implementing safe, effective, efficient risk-based wildfire management decisions.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

Toxics/Mobile Sources

EPA Tribal Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program FY18 – \$2 million

Applications Due: April 3, 2019

Eligible Entities: Tribal governments and Alaska Native Villages which have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality

EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting proposals nationwide for 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. Further, priority for funding will be given to projects which result in outcomes that benefit affected communities, those that engage affected communities with respect to the design and performance of the project, and those which can demonstrate the ability to promote and continue efforts to reduce emissions after the project has ended. For more information, visit the Clean Diesel Tribal Grants [web page](#).

DOI FWS Clean Vessel Act – \$12 million

Applications Due: December 24, 2018

Eligible Entities: States governments

The Clean Vessel Act of 1992 was signed November 4, 1992 (106 Stat. 5039) and codified in 33 U.S.C. 1322. The Act amended the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act (Wallop-Breaux Act; 16 U.S.C. 777) and established the Clean Vessel Act Grant Program to provide funding to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Commonwealths, and territories of the United States of America (States). Funding allows States to construct, renovate, operate, and maintain pumpout stations and waste reception facilities for recreational boaters and to inform boaters about the use, benefits, and availability of pumpout stations and waste reception facilities. Subsequent reauthorizations of the Acts have allowed for the continuation of CVA. For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

Indoor Air Quality

Application window open to apply for HUD's Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Program!

Deadline to apply is January 7, 2019. Questions? Email: ONAP-ICDBG@hud.gov.

ICDBG provides eligible grantees with direct grants for use in developing viable Indian and Alaska Native Communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities, primarily for low and moderate income persons. Projects funding by the ICDBG program must principally benefit low-and-moderate-income persons. Up to \$65M is available through this NOFA.

Application Resources:

- [Apply on-line](#)
- [Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\)](#)

- New! [2018-05 ONAP Program Guidance](#)

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 can be [found here](#).

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