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TOP STORIES

NTAA writes letter to Congress! In response to a request from Arizona’s Representative Tom O’Halloran, NTAA has written a letter to the House and Senate Appropriations Committees and the Arizona Congressional delegation describing the impact on Indian Country of the President’s Proposed EPA Budget. You can read the letter, as well as access the NTAA’s entire Policy Response Kit on the Proposed Federal Budget Cuts, [by clicking here](#).

The Hill – [Lawmakers move to protect funding for climate change research](#)

Inside Climate News – [Trump Names BP Oil Spill Lawyer, Climate Policy Foe as Top DOJ Environment Attorney](#)

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

KSJD – [Navajo Nation Moves Toward Replacement Lease for Navajo Generating Station](#)

Indian Country Today – [Tribes Sign on to Climate Accord](#)

AZ Daily Sun – [GOP, Democrats argue wildfire causes; SRP official worries about effect](#)

Gizmodo – [Scott Pruitt Wants Some Kind of Strange Climate Change Showdown](#)

USA Today – [Global warming unabated: Carbon dioxide tallied 2nd-largest rise on record last year](#)

Colorlines – [ICYMI: This Podcast Breaks Down a Deeper Issue Hidden in the Paris Agreement Withdrawal. And that’s environmental racism.](#)

Indianz – [Mark Trahan: Donald Trump’s budget threatens to disrupt Indian Country](#)

E&E News – [EPA announces 2-year stay for emissions rule](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

New York Times – [The U.S. Won't Actually Leave the Paris Climate Deal Anytime Soon](#)

The Hill – [Paris pact withdrawal could slow clean technology investments, experts say](#)

KNAU – [Activists Envision a Border Wall Made of Solar Panels](#)

Washington Post – [If you thought getting Mexico to pay for the wall couldn't get weirder, you were wrong](#)

The Atlantic – [Trump's Solar-Powered Border Wall Is More Than a Troll](#)

ABC News – [Biden: Trump at odds with most Americans on climate change](#)

Washington Post – [Climate deal pull-out may speed up damage to Trump property](#)

Reuters – [Retired military brass urge U.S. to lead world on clean energy](#)

NPR – [Town That Helped Power Northwest Feels Left Behind In Shift Away From Coal](#)

NPR – [A Little-Known Climate Fund Is Suddenly In The Spotlight](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Washington Post – [Trump jokes about approving Dakota Access pipeline](#)

Native Sun News – [Archambault: 'Just because the oil is flowing now doesn't mean that it can't be stopped'](#)

Forbes – [Dieselgate 2.0: Porsche And Audi Accused Of Using Sophisticated Defeat Devices](#)

Wall Street Journal – [West Virginia University Researchers Find Fiat Chrysler Diesel-Emissions Discrepancies](#)

Indoor Air Quality

HUD – [HUD Designates June As National Healthy Homes Month](#)

Photos from the field

NY Times – [Defying Trump, Hawaii Becomes First State to Pass Law Committing to Paris Climate Accord](#)



Kauai Island Utility Cooperative's Anahola solar array in Hawaii in 2015. Hawaii passed legislation on Tuesday to align the state's goals to the Paris climate accord. Credit Kent Nishimura for The New York Times

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UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS

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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 Elaine.Wilson@nau.edu if you have any questions about any call!

Volkswagen Settlement Work Group: Stay informed about the VW settlement with these monthly calls	Thursday, June 15, 2pm ET
EPA Policy Update Call: Receive updates from EPA	Thursday, June 29, 2pm ET

FEMA Region 9 hosting online workshops to develop Emergency Operating Plans (EOPs)

Having an updated Emergency Operating Plan (EOP) is not only important for responding to an event, it is also a requirement to receive some Federal assistance.

This virtual workshop series has been established on an aggressive timeline to support specific efforts to complete EOPs by the end of the year, but attendees at any stage of plan development are welcome. Additionally, many of the group sessions will be recorded, allowing participants to review the material at their convenience. Workshop sessions will take place on the third Thursday of the month, as indicated below:

- June 15: Overview of the CPG101 process, virtual workshop schedule, and discussion of Step 1 (Form the Team) and Step 2 (Assess Risks)
- July 20: Review of progress on Step 1 and 2 and introduction of the process for setting priorities, goals, and objectives
- August 17: Scheduled one-on-one check-ins and a webinar to introduce the process for developing Courses of Action
- September 21: Review of progress on Courses of Action and discussion on assembling the plan
- October 19: Review of progress and discussion of challenges
- November 16: Scheduled one-on-one calls to discuss progress on individual plans

Virtual workshop sessions will be hosted through Adobe Connect, and will be available at: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r9eop/>

Audio will also be available through the FEMA conference bridge at: 1-800-320-4330, 372328#

Any questions or interest in participating should be sent to:

joel.palmer@fema.dhs.gov

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is seeking nominations for technical experts to serve on its Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC), a federal advisory committee to the Office of Research and Development (ORD). The BOSC provides independent scientific and technical peer review, consultation, advice, and recommendations for each of its research programs.

- Information on the BOSC can be found [here](#).
- Information on ORD's research can be found [here](#).

Individuals and organizations can nominate themselves or others by using the [nomination form](#) on the BOSC website. The nomination period is open until June 30, 2017.

Details regarding areas of expertise sought, process for submitting nominations, and selection criteria can also be found in the [Federal Register](#). Please contact the BOSC Designated Federal Officer, Tom Tracy (tracy.tom@epa.gov), for assistance.

U.S. EPA's National Enforcement and Training Institute (NETI) is offering courses that are open to federal, tribal, state, and local government environmental compliance and enforcement personnel. NETI offers live broadcast and on-demand training covering virtually every environmental media and issue that confronts compliance monitoring and enforcement personnel.

Additional information is available on the [NETI website](#).

EPA Office of Water announces participation opportunities and activities related to the Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act.

- **Tribal Consultation Opportunity: Forthcoming Proposal to Revise the Definition of "Waters of the United States"**

Tribes will have until June 20, 2017, to comment on the new definition. To stay up to date on this effort, please visit EPA's Tribal Consultation website: <https://tcots.epa.gov>. For more information, see the [EPA's Clean Water Rule website](#).

- **Registration Open for the 2017 Tribal Lands and Environment Forum (TLEF).**

This year's Tribal Lands and Environment forum will be held at the COX Business Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma, August 14-17, 2017. The Forum will feature trainings, field trips, and breakout sessions focused on

solid/hazardous waste management, brownfields, UST/LUSTs, Superfund sites, and emergency response. Tribal water program topics will include breakout sessions, trainings, and field trips related to water quality, drinking water, and habitat restoration (including wetlands, streams, and fisheries). Registration for the event is now open. For more information and to register: http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_tlef.

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.

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 AIAQTP Course Schedule](#)

Course Title	Dates	Location
2017		
Reviewing NSR and Title V Permits	July 11-14	Fargo, ND
Indoor Air Quality – Level 1	September 26-28	TBD
Air Quality & IAQ in Alaska	October 10-13	Nome, AK
IAQ Diagnostic Tools	October 24-27	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Fundamentals of Air Monitoring	November 28-30	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
2018		
Introduction to Air Quality	January 23-26	Flagstaff, AZ

Air Quality Computations	February 27- March 2	Phoenix, AZ
Air Pollution Technology	March 20-23	Flagstaff, AZ
Quality Assurance (QA) Fundamentals	Open	Online
Building Performance: Improving Energy Efficiency & IAQ in Cold Climates	Open	Online
Radon Fundamentals	Open	Online
Emissions Inventory - Fundamentals	Closed	Online
Emissions Inventory - Advanced	Closed	Online
Wildfire and Air Quality	Dates TBD	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](#).

Climate Change / Energy **Southwestern Tribal Climate Change Summit**

The La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians, Institute of Tribal Environmental Professionals and the University of San Diego are collaborating on the 2017 Southwestern Tribal Climate Change Summit.

Event: *2017 Southwestern Climate Change Summit*

Location: *University of San Diego*

When: *September 19-21, 2017*

More information including registration details will be provided in the near future.

If you have any questions, please direct them to: Nikki.Cooley@nau.edu

6th Annual Arizona Student Energy Conference (AZSEC) on Renewable Energy Science, Technology, and Policy will be held on October 19th & 20th, 2017

Location: Arizona State University, Tempe, ASU Memorial Union

Online registration July 15 – September 15

Join us for 2 exciting days of student presentations, poster session & prizes, faculty lectures, site tours, and more!

Possible site tour on 10/18 as well.

More information to come later this month at www.energy.arizona.edu/AZSEC

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RESOURCES

Now Hiring!

Navajo Nation EPA Hiring Environmental Specialist

Posted: 3/27/17, Closed: Open Until Filled

This is an entry level, full-time permanent Environmental Specialist position with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Program, Waste Regulatory Compliance Department of the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency (NNEPA).

The incumbent would be based out of the NNEPA Window Rock, AZ., office.

More information: <http://www.dpm.navajo-nsn.gov/JVA/03.27.2017/EPA01513561.pdf>

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LEO Network Integrates Traditional Ecological Knowledge into Environmental Change Conversations across North America

The [Commission for Environmental Cooperation \(CEC\)](#) and the [Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium \(ANTHC\)](#) invite North Americans to join the increasing number of communities using the [Local Environmental Observer \(LEO\) Network](#), a unique observation platform where traditional ecological knowledge, local knowledge and science converge to record and highlight instances of unusual change in nature and the environment.

Wildland Fire Sensors Challenge

Six federal agencies have announced a Wildland Fire Sensors Challenge seeking an accurate, lower-cost, and low-maintenance air quality monitoring system that

can be used during a wildfire or controlled fire. The data provided by the sensor system will help federal, state, local and tribal agencies protect the health of first responders and communities affected by the smoke.

Developers are encouraged to submit a prototype sensor system that measures fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), carbon monoxide (CO), ozone (O₃) and carbon dioxide (CO₂). The system should be capable of rapid deployment and continuous real-time monitoring of highly dynamic air pollution levels during a fire event. Developers should also aim for designs that are easy to use and self-powered; include location data; and wirelessly transmit data to a central data-receiving station.

Written submissions are due by **Nov. 22, 2017** and prototypes must be submitted by **Jan. 5, 2018**. The sensor systems will be evaluated in government specialty labs based on 1) accuracy over a wide range of pollutant levels, 2) system cost, and 3) operation requirements relevant for wildland fire deployment. All developers who submit prototypes will receive direct feedback on laboratory tests and end user review.

The Challenge total award pool is \$60,000, which may be awarded in total to one winner if all the requirements are met, or divided into several partial awards. Prize winner(s) will be selected following the conclusion of judging in summer 2018.

To learn more, visit: www.challenge.gov/challenge/wildland-fire-sensors-challenge

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

The presentations of the VW Settlement Training at the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality held in Tucson, Arizona on May 1, 2017 are now available on video!

[Use this link](#) to access presentations made by NTAA, EPA and DOJ regarding the VW Settlement for Tribes. If you have a hard time hearing the audio on the videos, a separate audio file is included that you can use to play instead.

The National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA) has established a [repository for state and local agency information and links](#) pertaining to the Volkswagen (VW) settlement and the Mitigation Trust Fund. The information accessible from the repository includes state and local agency webpages, public outreach materials, drafts of documents, etc.

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The Tribal Healthy Homes Network (THHN) has a webpage dedicated to [Healthy Homes Resources!](#)

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

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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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.

U.S. EPA Air Grants and Funding:

EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) announces competitive funding announcements for projects and programs relating to [air quality](#), [transportation](#), [climate change](#), [indoor air](#) and other related topics. [This page](#) provides access to information about current funding opportunities under 'Open Announcements' and also provides as a reference tool, all previously announced funding announcements listed below and in archives under 'Closed Announcements.'

Climate Change/Energy

Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program FY 2017, Environmental Protection Agency

Full details [here](#)

Applications close July 20, 2017.

Award Ceiling: \$2,500,000

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 operating at or servicing goods movement facilities located in areas designated as having poor air quality. Further, priority for funding may 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. Eligible entities include regional, state, or local agencies, tribal governments (or intertribal consortia) and native villages, or port authorities, which have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality, and nonprofit organizations or institutions that: a) represent or provide pollution reduction or educational services to persons or organizations that own or operate diesel fleets or b) have, as their principal purpose, the promotion of transportation or air quality.

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Federal Transit Administration Low or No Emission Bus Discretionary Grant Program

Funds will be awarded competitively for the purchase or lease of low or no emission vehicles that use advanced technologies for transit revenue operations, including related equipment or facilities. Projects may include costs incidental to the acquisition of buses or to the construction of facilities, such as the costs of related workforce development and training activities, and project administration expenses.

Application deadline is June 26, 2017. [More information can be found here.](#)

DERA Funding Available: 2017 Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program

Deadline for Proposals - June 20, 2017

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is excited to announce the availability of \$11 million in Diesel Emission Reduction Program (DERA) funds to support projects aimed at reducing emissions from the nation's existing fleet of older diesel engines. Under this competition, between 20 and 80 awards are anticipated to be made to eligible applicants.

Eligible applicants include regional, state, local or tribal agencies, or port authorities, with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality. Nonprofit organizations may apply if they provide pollution reduction or educational services to diesel fleet owners or have, as their principal purpose, the promotion of transportation or air quality.

Learn More at: www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-national-grants.

If you have questions, please contact cleandiesel@epa.gov.

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Rural Development Acting Deputy Undersecretary Roger Glendenning announced that USDA is seeking applications for grants to make housing repairs for low- and very-low-income rural residents. The grants are being provided through USDA Rural Development's [Housing Preservation Grant program](#).

“These grants help rural homeowners and rental housing owners repair and improve their properties,” Glendenning said. “Funds may be used to resolve health or safety issues, make accessibility modifications for people with disabilities, or make energy-efficiency improvements to lower utility costs.” USDA provided Housing Preservation Grants for 107 organizations in 46 states and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in FY 2016. The grants renovated nearly 1,000 rural housing units.

Eligible applicants for Housing Preservation Grants include town or county governments, public agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes, and nonprofit and faith-based organizations. USDA does not provide funding directly to homeowners under this program. For additional eligibility information, see page 25228 of the June 1, 2017 [Federal Register](#).

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 17, 2017. For questions, California applicants can contact [Debra Moretton](#).

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, June 14, 2017.

(Past copies can be accessed [here](#)).

Rule

Accidental Release Prevention Requirements: Risk Management Programs Under the Clean Air Act; Further Delay of Effective Date

FR Document: [2017-12340](#) Citation: 82 FR 27133 [PDF](#) Pages 27133-27144 (12 pages) [Permalink](#)

Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Approvals and Promulgations: California; Imperial County Air Pollution Control District; Stationary Sources Permits

FR Document: [2017-12235](#) Citation: 82 FR 27125 [PDF](#) Pages 27125-27127 (3 pages) [Permalink](#)

New Mexico; Regional Haze Progress Report State Implementation Plan

FR Document: [2017-12208](#) Citation: 82 FR 27127 [PDF](#) Pages 27127-27133 (7 pages) [Permalink](#)

Oklahoma; Infrastructure and Interstate Transport for the 2012 Fine Particulate Matter Standard

FR Document: [2017-12209](#) Citation: 82 FR 27121 [PDF](#) Pages 27121-27122 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

Texas; Clean Air Act Requirements for Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance and Nonattainment New Source Review

FR Document: [2017-12210](#) Citation: 82 FR 27122 [PDF](#) Pages 27122-27125 (4 pages) [Permalink](#)

West Virginia; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference

FR Document: [2017-12236](#) Citation: 82 FR 27118 [PDF](#) Pages 27118-27120 (3 pages) [Permalink](#)

Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for Dental Category

FR Document: [2017-12338](#) Citation: 82 FR 27154 [PDF](#) Pages 27154-27178 (25 pages) [Permalink](#)

Pesticide Tolerances:**Isfetamid**

FR Document: [2017-12346](#) Citation: 82 FR 27149 [PDF](#) Pages 27149-27154 (6 pages) [Permalink](#)

Spirotetramat

FR Document: [2017-12348](#) Citation: 82 FR 27144 [PDF](#) Pages 27144-27149 (6 pages) [Permalink](#)

Proposed Rule**Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Approvals and Promulgations:****Texas; Clean Air Act Requirements for Vehicle Inspection and Maintenance and Nonattainment New Source Review**

FR Document: [2017-12211](#) Citation: 82 FR 27221 [PDF](#) Pages 27221-27222 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

Notice

Cross-Media Electronic Reporting: Authorized Program Revision Approval, Minnesota

FR Document: [2017-12287](#) Citation: 82 FR 27253 [PDF](#) Page 27253 (1 page) [Permalink](#)

Final Test Guideline; Product Performance Test Guidelines; Laboratory Product Performance Testing Methods for Bed Bug Pesticide Products

FR Document: [2017-12347](#) Citation: 82 FR 27254 [PDF](#) Pages 27254-27255 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

Meetings:

Human Studies Review Board

FR Document: [2017-12345](#) Citation: 82 FR 27255 [PDF](#) Page 27255 (1 page) [Permalink](#)

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