



National Tribal Air Association

NTAA Weekly Update

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NY Times – [On the Attack Against Climate Change](#)



One of the solar microgrids that have been installed by Resilient Power Puerto Rico since Hurricane Maria knocked out most of the island's power grid last year. Photo Credit: Resilient Power Puerto Rico

TOP STORIES

Indianz – [Future of power plant on Navajo Nation remains in doubt](#)

Indianz – [Tribal leaders stand up to corporations on climate change](#)

NTAA Continues Work on Air Policies Affecting Tribes

As part of NTAA's ongoing policy response efforts, a template letter for Tribes to use has been added to the Policy Response Kit on [EPA's Draft Guidance Interpreting "Adjacent" for New Source Review and Title V Source Determinants](#)

in All Industries Other than Oil and Gas. Final comments and a comment letter are still in development. If you would like to see our most updated comment letter, please contact Andy.Bessler@nau.edu or Jaime.Yazzie@nau.edu for more information.

Additionally, the fact sheet for *EPA's Proposed Rule "Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Rule for Model Years 2021 – 2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks (SAFE Vehicles Rule)"* has been published to our website. The comment letter and Tribal template letter are forthcoming.

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

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

E&E News – [Clean Power Plan: Greens caution court against 'years-long wild-goose chase'](#)

EPA – [Acting EPA Administrator Wheeler Concludes Visit to G7 Environmental Ministers Meeting](#)

EPA – [OAR Wrap Up: Proposed Rules Saving More than \\$115 Million Annually in Regulatory Costs](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

NY Times – [With Climate Change No Longer in the Future, Adaptation Speeds Up](#)

Time – [Governments Are Failing Their Citizens on Climate Change. Here's How They Can Fix It](#)

Green Tech Media – [6 Charts Showing the Renewables Threat to Natural Gas](#)

AP News – [Solar entrepreneur to bring jobs, training to Minneapolis](#)

NY Times – [G.E. Steps Into Europe's Offshore Wind Market](#)

E&E News – [Coal disappears in the heartland as renewables get cheaper](#)

NY Times – [Reaching for a Zero-Emission Goal](#)

Ensia – [Here’s What You Need to Know About Carbon Pricing](#)

NPR – [Footing The Bill For Climate Change: ‘By The End Of The Day, Someone Has To Pay’](#)

NY Times – [In Sweden, Trash Heats Homes, Powers Buses and Fuels Taxi Fleets](#)

NY Times – [Rwanda Eyes Biogas to Help Curb Deforestation](#)

LA Times – [Climate change swells ranks of refugees as Trump administration retreats to the sidelines](#)

San Francisco Chronicle – [National parks bearing brunt of climate change, scientist find](#)

BBC – [Calls to speed up climate change action in agriculture](#)

CBS – [Hurricane Florence crippled electricity and coal – solar and wind were back the next day](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Fresno Bee – [‘There is nothing safe about this proposal.’ California leaders vow to fight EPA](#)

E&E News – [‘We’re in favor of keeping the standard’ – Ford CEO](#)

HuffPost – [Foes Rev Up For Hearings On Trump Plan To Gut Fuel Efficiency](#)

Politico – [5 things to know about the European Commission’s German auto probe](#)

ArsTechnica – [After-market car tech firm sold 363,000 emissions-cheating devices, DOJ says](#)

Politico – [Are trucks getting an easy climate ride?](#)

NY Times – [What Is Coal Ash and Why Is It Dangerous?](#)

E&E News – [Duke on breach: ‘We cannot rule it out’](#)

Bloomberg – [Toxic Spills Highlight Trump’s Deregulation of Coal Plant Waste](#)

NPR – [Tougher Laws On Pipeline Protests Face Test In Louisiana](#)

Think Progress – [Keystone Pipeline gets green light from State Department](#)

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

NASA Health and Air Quality Applied Sciences Team Webinar on Assessing Health Impacts of Air Pollution at the Community Scale

Air pollution exposure and health risk assessment at the community scale – on the order of kilometers or less corresponding to individual neighborhoods or localities – is of increasing interest to urban planners, environmental health practitioners, and researchers. Join this webinar to learn how scientists and practitioners are using NASA satellite data along with land use information to develop fine scale estimates of PM_{2.5} air pollution and associated health risks within communities.

Date and time: Friday, September 28th, 2018, 2:00-3:00 pm ET

Link to meeting: [Click Here to Join](#) or use <https://tinyurl.com/hiresttwebinar>

To learn more about this project visit <http://sites.bu.edu/haqast-highrestt/research/>

If you have any questions about the webinar, please email maridc@bu.edu

Proposed Rulemaking for CERCLA/EPCRA Reporting Requirements for Air Releases of Hazardous Substances From Animal Waste at Farms

The above proposed rule is tentatively scheduled to be issued on October 2, exempting “air emissions from animal waste (including decomposing animal waste) at a farm from reporting under CERCLA section 103.” No Tribal consultation is planned.

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

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

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

Wild Fire Smoke: Impacts on Public Health and Lived Experience

Monday, October 1, 2018, 11am PST/2pm EST

[Learn more and RSVP for this webinar here.](#)

Learn about the latest research on the various health effects of wildfire smoke exposure. Dr. Colleen Reid, assistant professor in Geography at the University of Colorado, Boulder, will provide an overview of what is known and not known about the health impacts of exposure to smoke from wildfires. Dr. Warren Dodd, Assistant Professor in the School of Public Health and Health Systems at the University of Waterloo, Canada, will discuss his team's qualitative study that explored how the 2014 wildfire season in the Northwest Territories affected mental and physical health in addition to livelihoods of residents in four communities.

Tribal Children's Environmental Health Symposium October 16-18

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

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

Travel scholarships are available only to employees of federally recognized tribes in EPA Region 6. Travel scholarships provide for airfare and lodging costs only. Please indicate if you are interested in the travel scholarship when you

register online. Here is the [direct link](#) that you and your guest can make reservations with.

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

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

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

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

Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management: November 27-30

The Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management, organized by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, is Alaska's largest Tribal environmental conference that brings together Tribes, Non-profits, and State and Federal organizations, for a week of environmental conversations. The discussions focus on finding and implementing solutions to address the unique environmental concerns facing Alaskan communities. Session tracks include: Air Quality & Healthy Homes; My Changing Climate; Water Quality & Sanitation; Solid & Hazardous Waste; Sustainability & Resilience; Brownfields. November 27-30,

2018 / Anchorage, AK. / Anchorage Downtown Hilton. To register or submit an abstract go to: <http://www.atcemak.com/>. For questions contact atcem@anthc.org.

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

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

NTAA Upcoming Calls. The toll-free number is 1-800-309-2350. If you do not need to call toll free, or would like to help conserve NTAA funding, you can call 1-805-309-2350. Both numbers use code 928-523-0526#.

Contact Andy.Bessler@nau.edu if you have any questions about any call!

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

Wood Smoke Work Group: Join this newly formed work group to help address air quality issues arising from wood smoke	Wednesday, October 3, 3 pm ET <i>Note: this work group has a different call-in number: Dial-In Number: 1-866-299-3188</i> Conference Code: 919-541-5497
Volkswagen Settlement Work Group: Continue to track the ongoing developments and help guide the process	Thursday, October 11, 2pm ET
NTAA/EPA Air Policy Update Call: Receive air quality policy updates from EPA and NTAA	Thursday, October 25, 2pm ET

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professional's (ITEP's) [Tribes and Climate Change Calendar](#) includes conferences, trainings, webinars and other events related to tribes and climate change.

[Click here](#) for ITEP's other trainings and events.

[Click here](#) for ITEP's new Tribal Environmental Management and Planning Online Courses. New courses have been added, so check it out!

ITEP's [2018-2019 AIAQTP Course Schedule](#)

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

ENERGY STAR Webinars

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

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

[Register](#)

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

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

Co-sponsored by the DOE Office of Indian Energy and the Western Area Power Administration, this webinar will describe how taking on facility- and community-scale energy projects can allow tribes to gain experience and expertise in project development while limiting risk; however, like utility-scale projects, facility- and community-scale projects also have their own unique challenges. For example, tribes often run into difficulty when it comes to finding money to build these smaller-scale projects. This webinar will outline options for financing and addressing other challenges related to facility- and community-scale project development. Attendees will learn about available financing mechanisms that can allow tribes to develop projects with limited to no upfront capital costs, including community solar models, third-party vendors, energy savings performance contracts, and utility energy service contracts.

[Register](#)

American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy Webinars

Clean Energy Finance: Green Banking Strategies for Local Governments webinar

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

Local governments are pursuing innovative financing to support energy efficiency, renewable energy and other clean energy investments in their operations and communities. Join us to learn about exciting advancements in green banking in the United States and how these strategies can help local governments pursue their

environmental, energy, and economic priorities. Our speakers will provide an overview of green banks, the services and benefits they offer, other types of green banking opportunities, and important considerations for local governments interested in engaging in green banking. As part of this webinar, you will hear about experiences from the Connecticut Green Bank, which has worked extensively with local governments and is leading innovations in the field of clean energy finance, and the Montgomery County Green Bank in Maryland, the first U.S. green bank administered by a local government. To join us, please [register](#).

Renewable Energy Vermont

Burlington, VT, October 18-19, 2018

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

Register for the 2018 Office of Indian Energy Program Review

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

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

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

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

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

Toxics/Mobile Sources

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

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

Comments Due: Friday, October 12th

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

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

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

Indoor Air Quality

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

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

Date: November 14, 2018

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

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

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

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RESOURCES

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Wildland Fire Sensors Challenge Winners Announced

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

The winners are:

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

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

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

Climate Change/Energy

EPA released an updated [Guide to Purchasing Green Power](#).

The Guide provides current and potential buyers of green power with information about green power purchasing. It covers the green power procurement process, different green power supply options, benefits of green power purchasing, as well as information on how to capture the greatest benefit from your purchase.

This revised Guide gives an overview of green power markets and describes the necessary steps to procure green power. This revision represents a major update to the guide and includes new market information and terminology, updated statistics, new case studies, information on evolving purchasing methods, an updated additional resources section, and new resources for federal agencies and the private sector to use when planning self-generation renewable projects or purchasing green power.

The Guide to Purchasing Green Power is intended for organizations that are considering the merits of green power procurement options, as well as those that have decided to purchase green power and want help doing so. The guide is written for a broad audience, including businesses, government agencies, universities and other organizations that want to diversify their energy supply and reduce the environmental impact of their electricity use. Although intended primarily for non-residential electricity consumers, residential consumers may also find many of the best practices, processes and guidance on purchasing green power applicable to their purchasing decisions.

The Guide is the product of a cooperative effort between EPA, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), World Resources Institute (WRI), and Center for Resource Solutions (CRS), and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL).

Interactive Tribal Energy Atlas

To equip tribes with the data needed to understand their energy options, the Office of Indian Energy funded the development of the Tribal Energy Atlas—a first-of-its-kind interactive geospatial application that enables tribes to conduct their own analyses of installed energy projects and resource potential on tribal lands. Developed by researchers from DOE’s National Renewable Energy Laboratory for the Office of Indian Energy, it’s the most robust tool ever designed to assist tribal energy project planners, technicians, and investors with analyzing energy options in Indian Country.

The latest energy resource data was used to populate the Tribal Energy Atlas, along with other relevant information on infrastructure (e.g., conventional and renewable energy facilities, transmission lines, railroads), environment (e.g., water availability, protected areas), energy efficiency, electricity and natural gas prices, and more. The data is not limited to renewable energy as it also includes natural gas, petroleum, and other conventional energy sources.

[View the Tribal Energy Atlas.](#)

NREL Solar Technical Assistance Team

Applications Due: Not Applicable

Eligible Entities: State and local governments

The Solar Technical Assistance Team (STAT) Network gathers NREL solar technology and deployment experts to provide unbiased information on solar policies and issues for state and local government decision makers. The expert assistance is intended to support legislators, regulators, state agencies, and their staff members in making informed decisions about solar projects and policies. The

STAT Network is a project of the U.S. Department of Energy Solar Energy Technologies Office that is implemented in partnership with NREL.

The STAT Network program consists of:

- [State solar technical assistance](#)—NREL provides direct technical assistance to state and local governments on matters that require solar market expertise to either answer a time-sensitive question or to provide expert testimony on policy best practices.
- [Do-it-yourself online education](#)—The STAT Network provides information on solar technologies, resources, and the role that state and local governments play in supporting the development of those resources to achieve their economic, environmental, and/or energy security goals. These can be found on the [Blog](#) and [Policy Basics](#) pages, and [past STAT Webinars](#).

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

NREL Energy Efficiency Technical Assistance Team

Applications Due: Not Applicable

Eligible Entities: State and local governments

The Energy Efficiency Technical Assistance Team is a network of energy efficiency policy and implementation experts who provide timely, unbiased expertise to assist policymakers and regulators in making informed decisions about energy efficiency programs and policies. Requests for technical assistance must be submitted by state officials, including state legislative or regulatory bodies and their staff members. For more information, visit the on-request [technical assistance description](#).

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

EPA Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities Program

Applications Due: Not Applicable

Eligible Entities: State, local and tribal governments

EPA's Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Communities Program helps communities, states, tribes and others understand risks associated with contaminated or potentially contaminated properties, called brownfields, and learn how to assess, safely clean up and sustainably reuse them. EPA funds three organizations—Kansas State University, the New Jersey Institute of Technology

and the Center for Creative Land Recycling—to serve as independent sources of technical assistance. Each of these TABs has an extensive network of partners, contractors and other contacts that provides services across the country. They help communities tackle a variety of challenges related to identifying, assessing, cleaning up and redeveloping brownfields. The technical assistance comes at no cost to communities. For more information, visit the [technical assistance description](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Air Quality Impacts of Wildfires: Mitigation and Management Strategies Hearing

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

Field Guide for Clean-up of Flooded Homes

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

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

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Now Hiring!

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

Closing date: October 5, 2018

[More information here.](#)

ITEP is hiring a Program Coordinator, Sr. for the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Technical Assistance Program

Application deadline: October 8, 2018

[More information here.](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Climate Change/Energy

Toxics/Mobile Sources

EPA National Brownfields Training Conferences Co-Sponsorship FY2019-2024 – \$2.4 million

Applications Due: October 19, 2018

Eligible Entities: States, territories, local governments, independent school governments, tribes and intertribal consortia

One of the major efforts under EPA's Brownfields Program is to build partnerships and outreach among federal agencies, states, tribes, municipalities, communities, and other entities. Since 1996, EPA has brought together various stakeholders from all areas of government, communities, and academia, private business and nonprofit to exchange ideas about brownfields assessment, cleanup and redevelopment through a national Brownfields training conference. As authorized by EPA Ethics Advisory 96-15, the Agency co-sponsored 15 National Brownfields Training Conferences. Attendance has ranged from more than 500 attendees in 1996 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to over 5,000 in attendance at the 2011 conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Typical conference attendance is between 2000-3000 participants.

EPA anticipates this funding opportunity will result in one cooperative agreement to an eligible non-federal recipient to promote research and provide training and technical assistance to communities and other brownfields stakeholders through the National Brownfields Training Conferences. The nonfederal recipient will co-sponsor three conferences, to be held during FY2019-2024, provided EPA grant funds are available. Brownfields-related conference topics may include:

- Brownfields inventory, planning, assessment and cleanup approaches, policies and technologies
- Brownfields redevelopment activities
- Use of environmental insurance

- Community engagement activities for finding solutions to brownfields challenges

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

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

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