



National Tribal Air Association

NTAA Weekly Update

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TOP STORIES

Indian Country Today – [Tribal Members in Oklahoma Defeat Natural Gas Pipeline Company](#)

The Hill - [EPA begins review of key Obama methane rule](#)

The Hill - [EPA considers repealing two Obama air pollution rules](#)

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Indianz.com – [Southern Ute Tribe sees role as ‘conscientious’ energy developer](#)

NPR – [Climate Change in Louisiana Changes Diets of Native Americans](#)

Chicago Sun Times – [City could lose its EPA regional office](#)

High Country News – [Republicans set their sights on the EPA’s science](#)

Indian Country Today – [Trump’s Policies Threaten Tribal Sovereignty](#)

Indian Country Today – [‘Killa’: The Indigenous Story Against Mining and Corruption](#)

EPA – [Former Kokomo Superfund site now home to new solar farm](#)

NPR - [‘Powwow Sweat’ Promotes Fitness Through Traditional Dance](#)

NPR – [EPA Employees Organize Against Proposed Budget Cuts](#)

NPR - [In The 1920s, A Community Conspired to Kill Native Americans For Their Oil Money](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

Washington Post - [Top Trump advisers at odds over Paris climate deal](#)

Bloomberg – [Electric Grid Study Ordered by U.S. Energy Chief to Boost Coal](#)

Huffington Post – [Democrats Are Preparing a Bill to Completely Wean the U.S. Off Fossil Fuels by 2050](#)

Think Progress – [The little-known federal agency with the power to buck Trump’s anti-climate agenda](#)

Arizona Daily Sun - [Culture, economics drive many to fight for power plant's future](#)

Colorlines – [STUDY: countries Need to Transition to Renewables Sooner to Meet Paris Climate Goal](#)

NPR – [Big Business Pushes Coal-Friendly Kentucky To Embrace Renewables](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

EPA – [BPXA, Alaska DEC, U.S. EPA and North Slope Borough Form Unified Command in Response to Oil and Gas Well Discharge Near Prudhoe Bay, Alaska](#)

New York Times – [BP Struggles to Control Damaged Well in Alaskan Arctic](#)

Engadget - [VW pours \\$300 million into a national EV charging network](#)
(FYI, the plan can be viewed [here](#))

Indoor Air Quality

PR Newswire - [New Sensor from Honeywell Helps Building Owners And Consumers Monitor Air Quality](#)

Photos from the field

New York Times – [Germany Strikes Offshore Wind Deals, Subsidy Not Included](#)



The wind farm BARD Offshore 1, 62 miles northwest of the German island of Borkum in the North Sea, in 2013. Credit: Fabian Bimmer/Reuters

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UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

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!

<p>Volkswagen Work Group Call: Discuss the latest developments in the VW Settlement</p>	<p>Thursday, April 20, 2pm ET</p>
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U.S. EPA National Tribal Outreach Call

The Office of International and Tribal Affairs/American Indian Environmental Office will host an informational session with tribal leaders, tribal government

officials, and tribal organizations on EPA's implementation of Executive Order 13777, Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda. The order directed EPA to identify regulations that may be appropriate for repeal, replacement, or modification. EPA is now seeking public feedback to help identify such regulations.

Date- April 24, 2017 at 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm ET

Call Number- 1-866-299-3188 with Access Code 2025649957#

More Information: <https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/regulatory-reform>

Consistent with [Executive Order 13777](#), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) is hosting a public teleconference on April 24, 2017, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. EDT to solicit input on specific air and radiation actions that could be repealed, replaced or modified to make them less burdensome.

On February 24, 2017, President Donald Trump issued [Executive Order 13777](#) on Enforcing the Regulatory Agenda. The Executive Order establishes the "policy of the United States to alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens placed on the American people." Among other actions, it requires each agency to create a Regulatory Reform Task Force to evaluate existing regulations and identify regulations that should be repealed, replaced or modified.

For questions about this process, please contact oarinvitations@epa.gov. For more information about this effort, please visit www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/regulatory-reform.

Date: April 24, 2017, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. EDT

Call In Number: (800) 305-3182 Conference ID Number: 8535873

OAR's public teleconference will be an operator-assisted call. The call will begin with brief remarks from EPA, and the remainder of the call will be dedicated to listening to public input. Participants wishing to speak or listen do not need to register in advance for the teleconference. To hear the opening remarks, please dial in 10 minutes before the start time. You may call in to the teleconference at any time during the 3-hour period.

If you wish to speak, you may nominate yourself to speak at any time by pressing *1 on your phone; your name then will be added to a queue. Speakers will be asked to deliver 3 minutes of remarks and will be called upon on a first-come, first-served basis. OAR will do our best to hear from everyone who wishes to speak. The teleconference will be transcribed and will be added to the docket. If you do not have the opportunity to speak on the call, please submit your input to the [docket](#) (docket number EPA-HQ-OA-2017-0190).

Detailed instructions on how to submit comments to the docket are available at www.regulations.gov/help. Also, EPA's Tips for Effective Comments can be found at www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets#tips.

Prosper Sustainably, the Pala Environmental Department (PED), and Yavapai Apache Nation Environmental Protection Department (YANEPD) will be conducting a webinar on "How the Pala Tribe and Yavapai Apache Nation Developed and Use an EPA-Tribal Environmental Plan (ETEP)" on **Wednesday, April 19, 2017 from 9:30am to 10:30am Pacific Time**. To register, please click [here](#).

Registration for the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ) is now open! The National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ) provides an opportunity to meet, exchange ideas, and discuss current topics relevant to tribes in air quality and climate change. [Click here for all details and registration](#).

2017 Exchange Network National Meeting May 16-18, 2017

Sheraton Philadelphia Society Hill

More information: www.exchangenetwork.net/en2017

The theme for EN2017 is "Innovation and Partnership." During the meeting, we will be exploring examples of:

- How innovation can cross Federal, State, Territorial, and Tribal boundaries;
- How working creatively together as Partners can identify innovative solutions;
- How Partnerships are the new "best practice;" and
- How we can all employ innovation in our daily work.

TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRIBES. The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) will provide a limited number of travel scholarships to eligible individuals representing federally recognized Tribes and/or eligible Tribal organizations. Support for airfare, mileage, lodging, and per diem is available. Funding will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or to request a scholarship, please contact ITEP's Lydia Scheer at lydia.scheer@nau.edu

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.

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](#)

ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program Course Calendar:

Course Title	Dates	Location
2017		
Introduction to Tribal Air Quality	June 6-9	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](#).

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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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RESOURCES

Now Hiring!

Office of Environmental Resource Management (OERM) is hiring a Tribal Climate Science Liaison

The Tribal Climate Science Liaison will serve as a technical expert on climate change issues, resource vulnerability, and climate adaptation actions to Tribal nations in the USET region, and more broadly in the combined region comprising the Department of Interior's Northeast Climate Science Center and Southeast Climate Science Center (NE CSC and SE CSC). The Tribal Climate Science Liaison will be responsible to develop and implement a communication, education and outreach program; identify climate research needs and priorities; and provide climate adaptation planning support to Tribal nations. He/she will also integrate program and research results into budget documents, annual reports, or other documents. The Tribal Climate Science Liaison will participate in a network of Tribal climate science liaisons within the Climate Science Center system; and a national workgroup of Tribal organizations, Tribal colleges, and other partners to address policy and resource issues associated with Tribal climate resilience. This position will be based at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Position posted: April 5, 2017

Closing date: Open until filled

More information: Tammy Neptune tneptune@usetinc.org

BIA Student Internship Job Announcements

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Office of Trust Services (OTS) is continually seeking scientists and technicians in a range of STEM-related disciplines to protect, conserve, utilize, and manage Indian forest and agricultural lands and resources, including water and power. BIA is recruiting for several internship

positions working across various Agriculture and Rangeland Management or Forestry and Wildland Fire Management programs. Students can intern with the BIA or with a tribal related program. Intern job vacancy announcements are posted to USAJOBS and can be found at www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads.

King County Department of Natural Resources, Water, and Land Resources is recruiting staff for the summer to support King County's stream benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring program. This opportunity is for a few months in the summer and would be ideal for someone in college or starting out in their career to get some experience in benthic macroinvertebrate sampling in a robust and well-established monitoring program. Contact Deb Lester for more information: Deborah.Lester@kingcounty.gov

Quinault Indian Nation is seeking a Fire Management Officer/Fire Chief

This position is responsible for the planning, programming, administration, development, coordination, and supervision of the Fire/Fuels Program for the Quinault Indian Reservation. This includes both wildland fire and structure fire. Duties include, but are not limited to fire preparedness, fire prevention, fire operations, dispatch to off-site fires, mechanical site preparation, prescribed fire, budgets, payroll, support action fires, fire rehabilitation, and wildland/structure firefighting and training.

A Quinault Indian Nation application must be received by COB on 4/20/2017. Go to <http://quinaultindiannation.com/jobs.htm> for the job description, application form and instructions or contact Misty Schmidt, Human Resources, at 360-276-8215 ext4611. For further information, please contact Jim Plampin at 360-276-8215, ext. 290 or jplampin@quinault.org

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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

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IAQ and Managing Asthma Video

Working Together to Address Asthma in Tribal Communities in the Northwest: Asthma disproportionately impacts tribal communities, and conditions in homes can impact respiratory health. EPA Region 10 is working with a team of partners in the Northwest to help improve indoor air quality and better manage asthma by building community support networks involving clinical, housing, environment, and social services programs. These networks can provide home visits that involve patient education, home assessments, and changes to the home that improve health. In this video, hear from EPA and tribal leaders and representatives about the asthma and healthy homes work happening in the Pacific Northwest.

Short URL: <https://youtu.be/gGsYZ-ftUpI>

URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gGsYZ-ftUpI&feature=youtu.be>

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

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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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'.

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HUD's Indian Community Development Block Grant Program

Closing date for Applications: May 18, 2017

The purpose of the ICDBG program is the development of viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes as defined in 24 CFR 1003.4.

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

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Most Recent Listing: EPA Rules from the Federal Register

There are no contents of the Federal Register for Wednesday, April 19, 2017. (Past copies can be accessed [here](#)).

No Listings from EPA today but you can view the most recent listings from EPA [here](#).

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