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TOP STORIES

NTAA IAQ Work Group Questionnaire

The National Tribal Air Association's (NTAA) Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Work Group (WG) would love to have your help in prioritizing activities that were suggested during the NTAA IAQ WG Session that was held at the 2017 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality in Tucson, Arizona, on May 3, 2017. By prioritizing these activities according to the needs of Tribes, you will help to shape future actions of the NTAA IAQ WG. We thank you for your time and appreciate your feedback. If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Wilson at elaine.wilson@nau.edu. **Questionnaire is open until August 3, 2017. Please [click on this link](#) to respond to three questions** (should take about 5 min).

NTAA Producing Policy Response Kit to comment on the EPA Office of Air and Radiation's National Program Managers Guidance document. NTAA has also issued a request for a 60-day comment period to EPA the same day EPA extended the comment period by a week until August 4th, 2017. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Newsweek – [Threatened by Climate Change, Native American Tribes To Honor Paris Accord](#)

Minneapolis Star Tribune - [House committee passes bill to trim EPA spending, but by far less than proposed by Trump](#)

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Santa Fe New Mexican – [Neighboring states a world apart on methane regulations](#)

The Hill - [House votes to roll back Obama-era ozone standards](#)

E&E News - ['It's time to start trusting the states' — Pruitt aide](#)

The Hill - [EPA to retain standards for nitrogen dioxide pollution](#)

The Hill - [Greens launch ad campaign to defend EPA budget](#)

Colorlines – [EPA Proposes to Remove Protections for Alaskan Watershed That Is Home to 30 Native Villages](#)

E&E News – [The buyouts: A breakdown by office](#)

Phys.org - [Traffic pollution prevents children's brains from reaching their full potential](#)

Konbini - [This Company Is Developing Smog-Sucking Bicycles to Curb Air Pollution](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

Washington Post - [The first half of 2017 was the planet's second-warmest on record](#)

Bloomberg – [Renewable Energy Not a Threat to Grid, Draft of U.S. Study Finds](#)

E&E News – [Perry's grid study is coming. Here's what we know](#)

Colorlines – [Activists Launch a Solar Campaign to Stop the Keystone XL Pipeline](#)

CBS News – [Macron says his charm offensive may change Trump's mind about climate change](#)

NPR – [Natural Gas Building Boom Fuels Climate Worries, Enrages Landowners](#)

Washington Post – [Climate change and less federal money may hit states hard](#)

AP – [Report: Solar more cost effective than natural gas](#)

AP – [Renewable energy lab optimistic in face of budget cuts](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Reuters – [Germany eyes effective emission control from diesel cars](#)

Bloomberg Businessweek – [What's Behind Exxon's Latest Climate-Friendly Turn](#)

Native Sun News – [Re-opening of Hills uranium mines poses threat to Lakota](#)

Colorlines – [Texas Pipeline Spills Over 50K Gallons of Crude Oil](#)

Indoor Air Quality

WebWire - [The Many Ways Hoarding Creates Indoor Environmental Quality Problems](#)

Photo from the field

Indianz.com - [Trump administration set to advance copper mine on sacred Apache site](#)



In October 2014, Nizhoni Pike, center, a young citizen of the San Carlos Apache Tribe, held a coming-of-age ceremony at Oak Flat, a sacred site in Arizona that will be affected by a controversial copper mine. Photo courtesy [Anna Jeffrey for The Apache Messenger](#)

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

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| Volkswagen Settlement Work Group: Stay informed about the VW settlement with these monthly calls | Thursday, August 10, 2pm ET |
| Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Help set priorities and plan the upcoming Federal listening session. | Wednesday, July 26, 2pm ET |
| EPA Policy Update Call: Receive updates from EPA | Thursday, July 27, 2pm ET |

Northern Arizona University’s Office of Native American Initiatives Presents Tribal Leadership Essentials: Leadership, Management, Governance, Law, and Strategy

Dates: July 24-25, 2017

Location: 1899 Ballroom, NAU, Flagstaff, AZ

This exclusive session is designed to empower tribal leaders to reflect and improve their knowledge and skills to drive needed change for their nations. Our program offers the rare opportunity for tribal leaders to step back from their daily leadership roles and responsibilities to reevaluate and revitalize their professional and personal strengths.

Keynote Speakers: Mr. Martin Casado, Mr. Greg Smith, and Chief Clarence Louie.

Learn more and register at nau.edu/nacreg.

DRAFT FY 2018-2019 National Program Manager Documents Available

The draft FY 2018-2019 NPM Guidance documents communicate EPA’s programmatic and operational strategies consistent with the FY 2018 President’s budget (<https://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/fy2018>). Draft FY 2018-2019 NPM Guidance documents are now available for review and comments on EPA’s NPM Guidance web site: <https://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/national-program-manager-guidances>.

The external comment period on draft FY 2018-2019 NPM Guidance documents will take place until August 4th, 2017. **Written comments should be provided by August 4th (note that this reflects a one week extension to comment)** to Beth Burchard (burchard.beth@epa.gov), Blair Budd (budd.blair@epa.gov), and the appropriate EPA Office contact (listed on the right side of the NPM Guidance web page listed above). Jill Smink (smink.jill@epa.gov) should be included for any comments on the draft OEI NPM Guidance. Please use the [FY 2018-2019 Draft NPM Guidance External Comments Template](#) to submit your comments.

Responses to comments and the final NPM Guidance documents will be posted on this website: <https://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/national-program-manager-guidances> on August 21, 2017.

National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) 3-Part Webinar Series

The U.S. Environmental Protection agency (EPA) is hosting a three-part webinar series on the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for communities. Under the Clean Air Act (CAA), the EPA is required to set the NAAQS and review those standards every five years for six common air pollutants (also known as "criteria" air pollutants). There are NAAQS for ground-level ozone (O₃); particulate matter (PM); carbon monoxide (CO), lead (Pb), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), and nitrogen dioxide (NO₂). These criteria air pollutants are found all across the United States and can harm your health, the environment, and cause property damage.

In this webinar series you will learn how the EPA: 1) sets, reviews and revises the primary (health) and secondary (environmental) standards; 2) designate areas that are meeting or not meeting these standards; and 3) works with areas to meet and maintain these standards.

During each 90 minute webinar, there will be an overview presentation of the topic followed by a question and answer session.

WEBINAR SERIES LINE-UP:

Webinar #1: NAAQS (101) (This session date has passed.)

Webinar #2: NAAQS - Designations

(This session will discuss the designations process, the different categories (i.e., attainment, nonattainment, and unclassifiable), and what it means if your area does not meet the NAAQS and what role the community can play in the designations process.)

- Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2017
- Time: 1:00 -2:30 PM EST
- Participant Dial-in Number: (800) 309-5450
- Conference ID: 31308775
- Webinar Link: <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/naaqs-desig>

Webinar #3: NAAQS - Implementation

(This session will discuss how to attain & maintain the NAAQS and what role the community can play in the implementation process.)

- Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2017
- Time: 1:00 -2:30 PM EST
- Participant Dial-in Number: (800) 309-5450
- Conference ID: 30986885

- Webinar Link: <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/naaqs-implement>

How to Participate: You do not need to register in advance for these webinars. To participate, please click on the webinar link at the date and time shown above. Audio for the webinar will be delivered through the phone line. It is recommended that you call in 15 minutes before the webinar's start time to ensure your participation.

To Join a Webinar: Click on the link and follow these instructions:

1. Click "Enter as a Guest"
2. Type in your first & last name and organization
3. Click "Enter Room"

You will be in the room!

Make sure to use the participant call in number and conference ID for audio
If you have never attended an Adobe Connect meeting before, we highly recommend that you test your connection:

http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm

We look forward to your participation and encourage you to share this invitation with others in the community who may be interested. Information about the NAAQS can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/criteria-air-pollutants> and <https://www.epa.gov/criteria-air-pollutants/process-reviewing-national-ambient-air-quality-standards>.

For questions about the webinars, please contact Rhonda Wright at wright.rhonda@epa.gov.

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

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

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

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

ITEP's [2017 and 2018 AIAQTP Course Schedule](#)

| Course Title | Dates | Location |
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| 2017 | | |
| Indoor Air Quality – Level 1 | September 26-28 | Tulsa, OK |
| Air Quality & IAQ in Alaska | October 10-13 | Nome, AK |

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| 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 9-12 | Flagstaff, AZ |
| CAA & Permitting (tentative) | February 6-9 | TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV |
| Air Quality Computations | February 27- March 2 | Phoenix, AZ |
| IAQ in AK – Level 1 | March 13-15 | Alaska |
| Air Pollution Technology | March 20-23 | Flagstaff, AZ |
| GIS for Air Quality | April 17-19 | TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV |
| Air Pollution & Ecosystems | May 15-18 | Flagstaff, AZ |
| Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants | June 5-7 | TBD |
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| Quality Assurance (QA) Fundamentals | Open | Online |
| Building Performance: Improving Energy Efficiency & IAQ | TBD | Online |
| Radon Fundamentals | Open | Online |
| Tribal Toolbox | TBD | Instructor-led Online |
| Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke | Dates TBD | Hybrid (online and classroom) |

Note: This schedule is subject to change. [Click here](#) for up-to-date information, course descriptions, and applications. If you have questions regarding the pre-requisites or your eligibility for this course, please contact Patricia Ellsworth, Air Quality Curriculum Coordinator, at Patricia.Ellsworth@nau.edu or phone 928-523-6721. For more information, please visit [ITEP's website](#).

Climate Change / Energy

The Uplift Climate Action Council Seeks Young Leaders

The [Uplift Climate Action Council \(UCAC\)](#) is a gathering of young leaders in the climate justice movement on the Colorado Plateau. UCAC brings together

seasoned activists from diverse geographies, campaigns, and identities to build relationships and build the movement together.

The 2017 UCAC Leadership Retreat aims to bring together council members and young activists of the Colorado Plateau to build relationships and build the movement collectively. For three days, they will gather on the weekend of **July 28-30 at the Canyon Country Discovery Center in Monticello, UT.**

If you are interested in joining the 2017 Uplift Climate Action Council, **please fill out [this form](#)**. You should hear a confirmation back within 2 weeks. If you have any questions, please feel welcome to email Eva at emalis@grandcanyontrust.org.

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Indoor Air Quality

Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors announces National Radon Training Conference to be held on October 2-4, 2017

CRCPD is pleased to announce that the 27th National Radon Training Conference announcement and registration has been posted to the CRCPD website. You may access the 27th National Radon Training Conference that includes the agenda, hotel, registration, and transportation information by click this link <http://www.crcpd.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=882978>.

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RESOURCES

Now Hiring!

Southern Ute Indian Tribe is hiring a General Assistance Program Manager for the Environmental Tribal Response Program

Job ID: 16473

Closing Date: Position closes at 5:00 pm Mountain Standard Time on 7/20/2017.

Position Summary: Plans, develops, and administers the environmental Tribal Response program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This position is a grade 21 / \$55,006.00/annually.

Job Location: Ignacio, CO

How to Apply: Please apply online at: <https://careers.southernute.com/pfund>

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes
Call for Nominations for EPA's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee and EPA Science Advisory Board

Each year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office publishes a Federal Register Notice announcing opportunities for the public to nominate candidate experts to serve on the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, the SAB and certain SAB standing committees. The CASAC and the SAB are congressionally mandated federal advisory committees that are charged with providing scientific advice to the EPA Administrator.

The CASAC provides independent advice to the EPA Administrator on the technical bases for EPA's National Ambient Air Quality Standards, and the SAB is authorized to provide independent advice on a broad range of scientific matters, including review of the quality and relevance of the scientific and technical information being used by the EPA or proposed as the basis for Agency regulations.

Members of the CASAC and the SAB constitute a diverse and distinguished body of non-EPA scientists, engineers, economists, and behavioral and social scientists who are nationally and internationally recognized experts in their respective fields. Members are appointed by the EPA Administrator for a 3-year term. More information about serving on the CASAC or the SAB and requirements for advisors is available on the [SAB webpage](#).

The SAB Staff Office recently published a [Federal Register Notice](#) requesting public nominations of candidate experts to serve on the CASAC, the Chartered SAB and the following standing SAB committees:

- Chemical Assessment Advisory Committee
- Drinking Water Committee
- Environmental Economics Advisory Committee
- Environmental Engineering Committee
- Environmental Processes and Effects Committee
- Radiation Advisory Committee

The Notice describes the functions of and expertise needed for the CASAC, the Chartered SAB and each of the six SAB committees. **Nominations are sought by July 27, 2017.**

Nominations to the CASAC or the SAB should be made using the links to the appropriate committee at the bottom of the [CASAC](#) or [SAB](#) home pages. The Federal Register Notice provides instructions for the public to nominate candidates for the Administrators consideration and contact information of the

respective Designated Federal Officer for the CASAC, the Board and each of the five SAB committees.

Should you have questions about the nomination process or the work of the CASAC or the SAB, please contact the appropriate Designated Federal Officer listed in the Federal Register Notice.

The deadline for the 2015 Ozone NAAQS designations has been extended from October 2017 to October 2018

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-28/pdf/2017-13437.pdf>

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

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Smoke Sense Study: App under development to investigate effective health risk communication of wildland fire smoke

The Smoke Sense app will be released on the Google Play store in July. It will be available until November, at which time it will be taken down, improved, and then released once again on the Play store. Users will be able to send comments back to help improve the app via email. The information that users send back from the actual app will be anonymous. The app asks weekly questions, totaling approximately 5 minutes per week of answering health/smoke related questions. Users must be 18 years old or older; Android phone users are also able to participate. More information can be found on EPA's website by [clicking here](#).

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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

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Indoor Air Quality

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

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Most Recent Listing: EPA Rules from the Federal Register

EPA Rules posted today from the Federal Register for Wednesday, July 19, 2017.
(Past copies can be accessed [here](#)).

Rule

Acquisition Regulations

FR Document: [2017-14828](#) Citation 82 FR 33016 [PDF](#) Pages 33016-33024 (9 pages) [Permalink](#)

Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Approvals and Promulgations: Maine; Consumer Products Alternative Control Plan

FR Document: [2017-15048](#) Citation: 82 FR 33014 [PDF](#) Pages 33014-33016 (3 pages) [Permalink](#)

Maine; Motor Vehicle Fuel Requirements

FR Document: [2017-15049](#) Citation: 82 FR 33012 [PDF](#) Pages 33012-33014 (3 pages) [Permalink](#)

Proposed Rule

Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Approvals and Promulgations: California Air Plan Revisions; Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

FR Document: [2017-15052](#) Citation: 82 FR 33032 [PDF](#) Pages 33032-33035 (4 pages) [Permalink](#)

California Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

FR Document: [2017-15050](#) Citation: 82 FR 33030 [PDF](#) Pages 33030-33032 (3 pages) [Permalink](#)

ME; Consumer Products Alternative Control Plan

FR Document: [2017-15051](#) Citation: 82 FR 33026 [PDF](#) Page 33026 (*1 page*) [Permalink](#)

Texas; Reasonably Available Control Technology for 2008 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard

FR Document: [2017-15165](#) Citation: 82 FR 33026 [PDF](#) Pages 33026-33030 (*5 pages*) [Permalink](#)

Notice

Charter Renewals:

Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board

FR Document: [2017-14825](#) Citation: 82 FR 33105 [PDF](#) Page 33105 (*1 page*) [Permalink](#)

Criteria for Certification and Recertification of Waste Isolation Pilot Plant's Compliance with Disposal Regulations:

Recertification Decision

FR Document: [2017-15182](#) Citation: 82 FR 33106 [PDF](#) Pages 33106-33122 (*17 pages*) [Permalink](#)

Cross-Media Electronic Reporting:

Authorized Program Revision Approval, Territory of U.S. Virgin Islands

FR Document: [2017-15164](#) Citation: 82 FR 3312 [PDF](#) Page 33122 (*1 page*) [Permalink](#)

Proposed Determination to Restrict Use of Area as Disposal Site:

Pebble Deposit Area, Southwest Alaska; Proposed Withdrawal

FR Document: [2017-15181](#) Citation: 82 FR 33123 [PDF](#) Pages 33123-33124 (*2 pages*) [Permalink](#)

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