



**National Tribal Air Association**

# **NTAA Weekly Update**

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## PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

Arizona Daily Sun - [Havasupai leads intertribal gathering at Red Butte](#)



*Members of the Havasupai Tribe and their supporters gathered under a double rainbow at the [Red Butte Havasupai Intertribal Gathering near the South Rim of the Grand Canyon](#) last weekend. Attendees participated in ceremonies and were celebrating a [recent Supreme Court decision](#) that kept a uranium-mining ban around the Grand Canyon in place. Photo by [Carletta Tilousi](#).*

## TOP STORIES

The Weather Channel - [Life-Threatening Conditions Imminent as Hurricane Michael Is Close to Catastrophic, Unprecedented Florida Panhandle, Big Bend Category 4 Landfall](#)

NY Times – [Major Climate Report Describes Strong Risk of Crisis as Early as 2040](#)

NPR – [Inside the EPA: How Employees Are Reacting To the U.N. Climate Report](#)

## **NTAA releases Fact Sheet and Recorded Webinar for the ACE Proposed Rules**

The comment period for the Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) Proposed Rule (which includes two other rules affecting air quality) closes on October 31, 2018. To help Tribes understand the Proposed Rules, NTAA has released a [recorded webinar and fact sheet](#). Standby for a Tribal template comment letter.

## **HEADLINES**

### ***Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes***

Native News Online – [Indigenous Peoples’ Day 2018: Reflections on a Divided America](#)

Colorlines – [Indigenous Activists Win Two Legal Battles To Protect Their Land](#)

E&E News – [To topple climate rules, officials erase air pollutants](#)

Indianz – [Tribes finally given access to Dakota Access Pipeline decision](#)

Native Sun News – [Keystone XL Pipeline construction site draws fire from Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe](#)

Yes Magazine – [Energy Conservation Jobs Come to Coal Country](#)

NPR – [Fire Ecologist Say More Fires Should Be Left To Burn. So Why Aren’t They?](#)

High Country News - [Why don’t anti-Indian groups count as hate groups?](#)

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

### ***Climate Change/Energy***

NY Times – [Why Half a Degree of Global Warming Is a Big Deal](#)

E&E News – [Kids’ case tests ‘Hail Mary’ climate argument](#)

NY Times – [Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Plastics Are Predicted to Rise](#)

Miami Herald – [‘Catastrophic’ mental health changes tied to climate change, study says. What we know](#)

NY Times – [Floods. Wildfires. Yet Few Candidates Are Running on Climate Change](#)

NY Times – Climate FWD: [Rolling Back Regulations, and Arctic Sea Ice Keeps Melting](#)

### ***Toxics/Mobile Sources***

Cronkite News – [How beach cleanups help keep plastic out of the Great Pacific Garbage Patch](#)

NPR – [A Drifting Weedkiller Puts Prized Trees At Risk](#)

E&E News – [Volkswagen wants to wire garages, the grid and more](#)

E&E News – [A new model of fast charger brings more juice, less bulk](#)

### ***Indoor Air Quality***

Salt Lake Tribune – [If you could see how chores impact your home’s air quality, you might do them differently, Utah study says](#)

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## **UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES**

### ***Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes***

**NTAA to Host Two Webinars for the Proposed Rules on ACE (Affordable Clean Energy) and SAFE (Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient) Vehicles**

To assist Tribes in understanding these two Proposed Rules, the NTAA will host the below webinars. Policy Response Kits are under development for both of these Proposed Rules that can be found [on the NTAA website](#). Contact [Andy.Bessler@nau.edu](mailto:Andy.Bessler@nau.edu) if you have any questions!

- ACE was held on Tuesday, October 9 and a recording of the webinar will be posted on [NTAA's website](#) later this week.
- SAFE Vehicles will be held on Wednesday, October 10 from 4:00-5:00 PM ET and you can register and access the [webinar here](#). A recording of the webinar will be posted on [NTAA's website](#) later this week.

### **Notice of EPA Group Consultation on the Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) Rule**

On October 16, 2018, EPA will hold government-to-government consultation with the Samish Indian Nation on the proposed Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) rule. At the request of the Samish Nation, EPA will open the consultation to all interested tribes in the form of a conference call. The Samish Nation believes that a group consultation “will encourage more tribes to participate and will lead to a more robust rule-making process.” Fact sheets, along with a the Federal Register Notice and the regulatory impact analysis, are on the web at <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/proposal-affordable-clean-energy-ace-rule>. EPA will accept comments on the proposed rule through October 31, 2018.

If your tribe is interested in participating in this group consultation, please contact Toni Colón at 919-541-0069 or [colon.toni@epa.gov](mailto:colon.toni@epa.gov) by Thursday, October 11, 2018.

### **Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to hold webinar on ACE rule proposal**

When: Monday, October 15, 10-11am CT

Blair Beasley, Associate Director of Energy at the Bipartisan Policy Center, will provide an overview webinar on the Affordable Clean Energy rule proposal.

Contact Amanda Jarrett Smith, Clean Energy Coordinator, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 651-757-2486 for more information.

### **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](http://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](mailto: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.

### **Pacific Northwest Drought Early Warning System October Drought & Climate Outlook Webinar**

Monday, October 22, 2018 at 11 am - 12 pm PDT

These webinars provide the region's stakeholders and interested parties with timely information on current and developing drought conditions as well as climatic events like El Niño and La Niña. Speakers will also discuss the impacts of these conditions on things such as wildfires, floods, disruption to water supply and ecosystems, as well as impacts to affected industries like agriculture, tourism, and public health.

[Register Here!](#)

### **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](mailto:Vincent.Marc@epa.gov) and Timothy Roberts at [Roberts.Timothy-P@epa.gov](mailto:Roberts.Timothy-P@epa.gov) by October 26, 2018. For your reference, OAR’s previous FY 2018-2019 Guidance is [available here](#). 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

<p><b>Volkswagen Settlement Work Group:</b> Continue to track the ongoing developments and help guide the process</p>	<p>Thursday, October 11, 2pm ET</p>
<p><b>NTAA/EPA Air Policy Update Call:</b> Receive air quality policy updates from EPA and NTAA</p>	<p>Thursday, October 25, 2pm ET</p>
<p><b>Wood Smoke Work Group:</b> Join this newly formed work group to help address air quality issues arising from wood smoke</p>	<p>Wednesday, November 7, 3 pm ET  <i>Note: this work group has a different call-in number: <b>Dial-In Number: 1-866-299-3188</b></i>  <b>Conference Code: 919-541-5497</b></p>

**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**

<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Course Level</b>
	<b>2018</b>		
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
	<b>2019</b>		
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](mailto:Patricia.Ellsworth@nau.edu) or phone 928-523-6721. For more information, please visit [ITEP's website](#).

## ***Climate Change / Energy***

### **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.

### **ENERGY STAR Webinars**

#### **October 10 and 24, 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](#)

#### **October 10, 2 PM (ET) – ENERGY STAR and Green Building Rating Systems**

Learn how to use EPA tools and resources to help meet requirements for green building rating systems such as the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environment Design (LEED), the Green Globes system, and others.

[Register](#)

#### **October 11, 1 PM (ET) – Portfolio Manager 201**

Continue to learn about EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager tool with a deeper dive into more advanced functionalities such as: editing property data; correcting and updating property use details; using the data quality checker; and sharing property data.

[Register](#)

#### **October 16, 1 PM (ET) – Portfolio Manager 301**

With a good background on the basic functionality of EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager tool, learn about some advanced features including: using spreadsheet upload templates to update property data; setting goals and targets to plan energy improvements for properties; creating custom reports; and using the Sustainable Buildings Checklist.

[Register](#)

### **October 17, 1 PM (ET) – Minimizing Water Use in Mechanical/HVAC Systems**

Facilities with extensive heating and cooling requirements can still be water-efficient. Optimizing your heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system efficiency will help you save your facility water, energy, and money. EPA's WaterSense program will teach you how to reduce water waste in cooling towers and steam boilers, optimize chilled water systems, and address equipment that uses single-pass cooling water.

[Register](#)

### **October 18, 1 PM (ET) – Waste Management: Strategies for a Successful Recycling Program**

Trying to reduce your waste stream contamination rates and improve the effectiveness of your recycling program? Join us for a brief overview of waste tracking in Portfolio Manager, and to hear recycling best management practices and strategies from The Recycling Partnership. They have been working to implement recycling best management practices in communities across the country for several years and recently have begun working with multifamily buildings. Tips on how to audit your current waste stream, educate tenants, and increase your recycling rates will also be shared. In addition, Seattle Public Utilities will talk about Seattle's approach to multifamily recycling and in particular about their work on multilingual outreach efforts to the multifamily community in Seattle.

[Register](#)

### **U.S. Department of Energy Better Buildings Webinars**

#### **October 16, 3 PM (ET) – Benchmarking Water: New Approaches and Opportunities for Buildings**

Accurate and consistent data is a key ingredient in an effective water management strategy, but many organizations struggle with water data collection and analysis. In this webinar, hear from partners that have enacted innovative water metering strategies and analytical methods that allow them to draw greater insights from their data. Additionally, find out more about a new opportunity to gain recognition

from the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) for benchmarking your buildings' water and waste data.

[Register](#)

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

#### **October 31, Distributed Energy Technology Trends and Costs**

The capabilities and costs of distributed energy technologies continue to evolve rapidly. This webinar will provide tribes with a broad update on recent technological and cost trends for distributed energy. Speakers will discuss the latest developments in conventional and renewable distributed generation technologies, along with energy storage options that in some cases can make these energy sources more reliable and valuable. Attendees will learn unique characteristics of these technologies, find out how they are competing in the marketplace, and understand how to use them separately or combined for the greatest benefit of their tribal community.

[Register](#)

### **Clean Energy States Alliance/RPS Collaborative Webinars**

#### **October 11, 1 PM (ET) – Supporting Housing and Mobility with Resilient Power in Boulder**

This webinar explores two resilient power projects implemented in Boulder, Colorado. Over the past two years, the City of Boulder has been collaborating with stakeholders to strengthen the resilience of community facilities through deployment of solar and battery storage technologies. These projects support critical operations at the City's public housing authority headquarters, Boulder Housing Partners (BHP), and the leading nonprofit mobility service provider in the Boulder area, Via Mobility Services.

[Register](#)

#### **October 18, 1 PM (ET) – Evaluation of the Stringency and Design of RPSs**

Four academic researchers recently published in Nature Energy an "Empirical Evaluation of the Stringency and Design of Renewable Portfolio Standards." This study measured the stringency of different state RPSs and showed "how changes in RPS policy design features relate to different market outcomes." The authors concluded that "it is not the mere presence of an RPS but its particular design features that matter." The "analysis highlights which of these features are most critical and for which types of in-state renewable energy development." Lead author Sanya Carley, Associate Professor at the Indiana University School of

Public and Environmental Affairs, will discuss the study's methodology and findings.

[Register](#)

### **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 [OCSPP can be found here](#).

Comments Due: Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup>

Materials Available: (1) FY 2018-2019 OCSPP 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 OCSPP comments or questions to: Amanda Hauff at [hauff.amanda@epa.gov](mailto:hauff.amanda@epa.gov)

Send OECA comments to: Kim Chavez at [Chavez.kimberly@epa.gov](mailto:Chavez.kimberly@epa.gov) and Michele McKeever at [mckeever.michele@epa.gov](mailto:mckeever.michele@epa.gov)

## ***Indoor Air Quality***

### **October is Healthy Lung Month**

Indoor air pollutants, such as [radon](#), [volatile organic compounds](#) and [secondhand smoke](#), including those that trigger [asthma attacks](#), can affect your lung health.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [Indoor Environments Division](#) and the [American Lung Association](#) celebrate Healthy Lung Month and National Respiratory Care Week (October 21–27, 2018).

### **R9 Tribal IAQ & Health Network Announcing Webinar: Addressing Mold and Moisture in Tribal Communities**

When: Monday, November 5, 2018 from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM PDT. Please use this [registration link](#).

The webinar is a collaboration between the US Environmental Protection Agency - Region 9 and the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP).

Presenters will share their experiences about dealing with mold and moisture, including approaches that have worked in tribal communities. Participants will have opportunities to ask presenters questions.

Participants will learn about:

- The basics about mold, its health effects, and impact on tribal communities
- The roles and responsibilities of residents and tribal staff
- Best practices and policies for mold prevention and remediation
- Ready-to-use guidance and education materials for dealing with mold and moisture

Questions about this webinar?

Please contact Priyanka Pathak ([pathak.priyanka@epa.gov](mailto:pathak.priyanka@epa.gov)) or Mansel Nelson ([mansel.nelson@nau.edu](mailto:mansel.nelson@nau.edu)).

### **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](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**

### ***Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes***

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***

### ***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!***

**ITEP is currently hiring for three positions. [Click here for more information](#) about each of the following:**

- **Air Quality Training Program Coordinator, Sr.:** Coordinates all functions of the American Indian Air Quality Training Program's (AIAQTP) workshop training activities at the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals at Northern Arizona University. Position in open until further notice. For more information, contact [Mehrdad.Khatibi@nau.edu](mailto:Mehrdad.Khatibi@nau.edu)
- **ITEP Events Coordinator, Sr.:** Coordinates and manages all event planning and delivery activities for several large national conferences and other events. The Event Coordinator, Sr. works closely with others to ensure all tasks are executed according to project schedules and needs. Deadline to apply: October 23, 2018. For more information, contact [Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu](mailto:Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu)
- **Waste and Response Program Coordinator:** Develops training courses and other online educational resources for tribal professionals working in solid waste, Superfund, and emergency response programs. Works with the rest of the team on developing and delivering the annual Tribal Lands and Environment Forum, as well as assisting a national steering committee of tribal professionals. For more information, contact [Todd.Barnell@nau.edu](mailto:Todd.Barnell@nau.edu)

### **Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is hiring a Research Scientist 2**

Closing date: 10/22/2018

Job Summary: The incumbent will take a principal role in researching, summarizing and communicating complex air pollution issues, particularly in how it relates to human health and Minnesota's environment. The incumbent will provide expertise on a range of air issues and will serve as a lead in air pollution data reporting and communication. The incumbent will organize, analyze, summarize, report, and make recommendations based on air monitoring data. For

more information and to apply, [click here](#), and search Pollution Control Agency Job ID #26948.

### ***Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes***

#### **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](mailto: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](#).

## **2018 DERA School Bus Rebate Program Applications Being Accepted**

Deadline to apply: November 6, 2018, 4pm ET

We are excited to announce a funding opportunity for school bus fleets that serve public schools. EPA’s Office of Transportation and Air Quality is accepting applications nationwide for rebates to assist in replacing old, dirty diesel school buses with new school buses meeting the cleanest emission standards. EPA anticipates awarding over **\$9 million** in this funding opportunity.

Eligible Entities: Regional, state, or tribal agencies including school districts and municipalities; or private entities that operate school buses under a contract with an entity listed above. Applications are limited to 10 buses. Fleets that own more than 100 buses can submit two applications.

Selection Process: Lottery, with at least one selectee from each state/territory represented in the applicant pool.

[Click here to learn more and apply.](#)

### **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**

**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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