



National Tribal Air Association

NTAA Weekly Update

*Week of January 2nd –
January 6th, 2017*

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Happy New Year from NTAA!

TOP STORIES

New York Times – [Obama Designates Two New National Monuments, Protecting 1.65 Million Acres](#)

New York Times - [Peabody Energy and Native Americans in Dispute over Mining in Arizona](#)

New York Times - [Alaskans' Cost of Staying Warm: A Thick Coat of Dirty Air](#)

White House Releases Report on Tribal Nations

On January 2, 2017 the White House Council on Native American Affairs (WHCNAA) released a report outlining the successes of the President Obama's administration and tribal communities. While highlighting the success, this report also outlines the priorities that the council will continue to work on.

The report entitled, "A Renewed Era of Federal-Tribal Relations," can be found [here](#).

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

E&E News - [Air chief unbowed after Hill fights, lawsuits](#)

Huffington Post - [Can America Really Be 'Great Again' With A Gutted EPA?](#)

The Hill - [Senate chairman meets Trump's EPA nominee](#)

Indian Country Today - [DAPL, Indigenous Rights and Environmental Justice: The Watershed That Was 2016](#)

Wisconsin Public Radio - [Oneida Tribal Corporation Suing Green Bay over Failed Power Plant](#)

Great Lakes Echo - [Michigan mine gains two state permits](#)

The Environmental Magazine - [Surrounded by Coal Plants, Navajo Nation Fights for a Clean Future](#)

Washington Post - [It wasn't entirely bad news. Here are five positive environmental stories from 2016.](#)

New York Times – [Senators Ask Trump EPA Chief Pick to Disclose Energy Industry Ties](#)

The Hill – [The Most Important Pollution Rule You've Never Heard Of](#)

Wired Magazine - [Flow lets you check how polluted the air you're breathing in is right now](#)

PR Newswire - [AirVisual Creates Stunning 3D Air Pollution Map - Allows Developers Access to the World's Most Comprehensive Air Quality Data Set](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

NPR - [Dakota Pipeline Protesters, Nearby Residents Brace For 2017](#)

New York Times – [Can Carbon Capture Technology Prosper Under Trump?](#)

New York Times – [Weak Federal Powers Could Limit Trump's Climate Policy Rollbacks](#)

Greentech Media – [Gov. Kasich Vetoes Continued Freeze on Ohio Clean Energy Mandates](#)

Climate Central – [Solar Farms Expected to Outpace Natural Gas in U.S.](#)

Indian Country Today - [Arctic Melt Shrinks Polar Bears' Chances](#)

Bloomberg – [Solar Could Beat Coal to Become the Cheapest Power on Earth](#)

The Hill – [Trump Could Be Fighting Obama's Climate Policies for Years](#)

E&E News - [States brawl over EPA rule's future](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Arizona Daily Sun - [San Carlos Apache Tribe, environmentalists battle Oak Flat copper mine bid](#)

National Law Review - [EPA Releases Final Study on Hydraulic Fracturing](#)

Chicago Tribune - [VW windfall could help clean up dirty diesel trains at Union Station](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Mother Earth News - [Indoor Air Quality and Your Health](#)

Business Wire - [Indoor Air Quality Monitor Market to Reach \\$4 Billion by 2022](#)

Photos from the field



The Hopi Tribe and the University of Arizona are evaluating air quality and respiratory health on Hopi lands. The Hopi Mission School entered an agreement with the University of Arizona to place a TEOM 1405-DF monitoring PM_{10} & $PM_{2.5}$ on school grounds to monitor regional air quality. The sampler started operation in late October of 2016. Photo courtesy of Mary Kay O'Rourke, University of Arizona.

UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA

The following actions were signed within the last few weeks by EPA:

EPA's currently in the beginning stage of the 3rd round Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) designations.

State and Tribal recommendation letters are due no later than January 13, 2017. If you would like consultation or a separate area designations, that will need to be addressed in your recommendation letter to your EPA regional contact. Information to States, Tribes, and the public regarding the SO₂ designations process can be [found here](#).

Revisions to the *Guideline on Air Quality Models*

On December 20, 2016, EPA revised its *Guideline on Air Quality Models* (*Guideline*). The *Guideline* provides recommended models and other techniques,

as well as guidance for their use in predicting ambient concentrations of air pollutants. The *Guideline* is used by EPA, States, Tribes, and private industry in the review and preparation of permits for new sources for Prevention of Significant Deterioration and for State or Tribal Implementation Plan revisions. EPA's *Guideline* revision will provide States, Tribes and private industry with updated air quality models and techniques, modeling procedures, and enhanced technical guidance. These revisions will improve efficiency and accuracy of regulatory modeling applications, increasing certainty in the degree and type of air pollution emission controls necessary to achieve health protective air quality levels. A fact sheet and pre-publication version of the action will be posted at <https://www.epa.gov/scram>.

Action on Petitions to List n-propyl bromide as a Hazardous Air Pollutant –

On December 28, 2016, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a draft notice with the agency's rationale for granting petitions to add n-propyl bromide (nPB) to the list of hazardous air pollutants (HAP). We are soliciting comment on the EPA's technical review of the petitions, whether the criteria for listing nPB have been met and the agency's rationale for granting these petitions. More information can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/haps/petitions-add-npb-list-hazardous-air-pollutants>

Final Electronic Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements for NSPS –

On December 21, 2016, the EPA expanded its use of electronic reporting and recordkeeping by requiring additional categories of industries to submit to EPA specific air emissions data reports. Electronically submitted data will be readily accessible on an EPA maintained website improving access for state, local and tribal pollution agencies, EPA regional offices and the public. This action will reduce costs to industry by standardizing forms, reducing reporting transcription errors, retaining facility information for reuse in future reports and allowing for simultaneous reporting to multiple agencies. A prepublication version of the final rule and a summary fact sheet are available at: <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/new-source-performance-standards-electronic-reporting>.

Ferroalloy NESHAP Reconsideration – Final Action –

On December 28, 2016, the EPA also completed the reconsideration of certain aspects of the air toxics standards for ferroalloy production. There are only two facilities impacted by this rule: Eramet in Marietta, Ohio; and Felman located in Letart, West Virginia. After considering public comments and other information, we amended the rule to allow existing sources to perform visible emissions (VE) inspections twice daily using EPA's Method 22 instead of requiring a bag leak

detection system for monitoring positive pressure baghouses. New sources must still install bag leak detection systems. The prepublication version of the rule and a summary fact sheet are available at: <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/ferromanganese-and-silicomanganese-production-national-emission>

Save the Date! National Tribal Forum on Air Quality will be held May 1-4, 2017, in Tucson, Arizona.

The NTF provides environmental professionals from tribes, EPA, and other organizations an opportunity to meet and discuss current policies, regulatory initiatives, technical and other relevant topics in air quality and climate change.

- Optional training sessions on Monday 5/1.
- \$50 registration fee ~ online registration opens in January.
- Scholarship support for tribal attendees.
- Sponsorship opportunities available!

Check http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_ntf for updates.

NTAA invites and welcomes NTAA Member Tribes to participate in the Status of Tribal Air Report (STAR) Work Group

The National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) invites all NTAA Member Tribes to participate in the STAR Work Group. The work group will be directing the development of the 2017 Status of Tribal Air Report. Participation includes being on planning calls starting January 11, 2017. Calls are scheduled twice monthly in January and February, then more frequently in March and April. We welcome your ideas and suggestions. If you have any questions or would like to participate, please contact Elaine Wilson at Elaine.Wilson@NAU.edu, or Andy Bessler, at Andy.Bessler@NAU.edu.

The Draft PM_{2.5} Precursor Demonstration Guidance is designed to assist air agencies who may wish to submit PM_{2.5} precursor demonstrations as permitted by the PM_{2.5} SIP Requirements Rule. The EPA will accept comments on the draft PM 2.5 Precursor Demonstration guidance through the close of business on January 31, 2017. [Draft PM_{2.5} Precursor Demonstration Guidance and Transmittal Memo \(PDF\)](#).

U.S. EPA Webinar: General Permits and Permits by Rule for the Indian Country Minor New Source Review Program (Boilers & Emergency Engines)

The New Source Review (NSR) permitting program established by Congress as part of the Clean Air Act is a preconstruction permitting program. The NSR requires stationary sources of air pollution to obtain permits before construction commences to ensure that national air quality standards are not degraded when

new industrial facilities are built and existing facilities expanded. graphic arts and printing operations; sawmill facilities; and the oil and natural gas sector. As an example, this webinar will guide applicants through the permitting process for boilers and emergency engines and will demonstrate several implementation documents and tools to assist applicants in completing the permit application forms available on EPA's website: <https://www.epa.gov/tribal-air/6-source-categories-boilers-and-emergency-engines-final-action>.

Intended Audience: Tribal Air Agencies

How to Participate: You do not need to register in advance for this webinar. To participate, please click on the webinar link at the date and time shown below. 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. See below for the webinar details:

Date: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 at 1:00 – 2:30 PM Eastern Time

Participant Dial-in Number: (800) 309-5450

Conference ID#: 26459208

To Join the Meeting: <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/tribalminorsr>

Information about the Tribal Minor New Source Review NSR permitting program can be found on our website: <https://www.epa.gov/tribal-air/tribal-minor-new-source-review>. For questions about the webinar, please contact Toni Colón at colon.toni@epa.gov at 919-541-0069.

2017 TRIBAL EXCHANGE NETWORK CONFERENCE

Viejas Casino & Resort, Alpine, California, February 28-March 1, 2017
(Post-conference workshop sessions are being planned for March 2, 2017!)

The Tribal Exchange Network Conference provides tribal professionals, and those working with tribes, an opportunity to meet and learn about current initiatives, funding, and technical topics related to the [Exchange Network](#). Come and share your experiences or to learn from and network with other tribal professionals! For more details, please visit the website at www.tribalexchangenetwork.org. Click [HERE](#) to download a DRAFT Conference Agenda--updates will be posted periodically. If you have suggestions for topics or presentations, please contact [ITEP](#).

Visit www.tribalexchangenetwork.org for travel details and other updates regarding the Conference.

Greetings from the Tribal Air Monitoring Support (TAMS) Center [Steering Committee](#). As a Steering Committee comprised of Tribal environmental representatives from different regions of the country, we are announcing the TAMS Center Technical Needs Assessment to aid the TAMS Center to better

understand the air quality technical support needs and priorities of Tribes. The link to the online questionnaire form is at <http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tamsNA/>.

The Technical Needs Assessment will be open until March 10, 2017. The Steering Committee plans on providing the results of the Technical Needs Assessment at the 2017 National Tribal Forum.

U.S. EPA Announced an Extension of Public Comment Period for the Draft General Permit under the Clean Air Act Federal Indian Country Minor New Source Review Program – Gasoline Dispensing Facilities

Extension of Comment Period: On September 30, 2016, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) provided notice of, and requested public comment on, the EPA's draft general permit for gasoline dispensing facilities for use in Indian country within California pursuant to the Clean Air Act (CAA) Federal Indian Country Minor New Source Review (NSR) program for new and modified minor sources at 40 CFR 49.151 through 49.161.

The EPA is extending the deadline for submitting comments on this action until January 31, 2017. Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit during the public comment period. These comments must raise any reasonably ascertainable issue with supporting arguments by the close of the public comment period. All written comments on the draft general permit must be received or postmarked by January 31, 2017. Comments must be sent or delivered in writing to Lisa Beckham at one of the following addresses: E-mail: R9airpermits@epa.gov. Online Docket: www.regulations.gov, Docket ID: EPA-R09-OAR-2016-0580. Send U.S. Mail to Lisa Beckham (AIR-3) U.S. EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

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.

HOST SITES NEEDED FOR SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM - The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals – Environmental Education Outreach Program at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona, is seeking air quality focused offices and programs to host a college student for an 8-week summer internship. Tribal environmental offices, EPA offices, and other tribal environmental organizations are encouraged to apply. The interns will be highly motivated undergraduate or graduate students majoring in environmental

or related careers from different colleges and universities nationwide. ITEP provides each student intern with a \$4,000 stipend, and limited housing and travel allowances. The host site provides a work place and supervision for the intern. The projects MUST focus on addressing air quality issues in tribal communities. Submit an application [online here](#). **Deadline: Apply by January 20, 2017.** For detailed information on the internship and requirements, visit our [internship web-site](#). For more information, contact ITEP Intern Coordinator at EEOP-INTERN@nau.edu.

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals' (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 [2016 AIAQTP Course Schedule](#)

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

Course Title	Dates	Location
2017		
Air Quality Computations	January 24-27	Phoenix, AZ
Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Diagnostic Tools (for lower 48)	February 7-10	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Air Pollution Technology	March 13-17	Flagstaff, AZ
Fundamentals of Air Monitoring (for lower 48)	April 4-6	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants	February 22-24	Phoenix, AZ
Introduction to Tribal Air Quality	June 6-9	Flagstaff, AZ
Quality Assurance (QA) Fundamentals	Open	Online
Building Performance: Improving Energy Efficiency & IAQ in Alaska	Open	Online
Radon Fundamentals	Open	Online
Emissions Inventory - Fundamentals	2017	Online
Emissions Inventory - Advanced	2017	Online
Disaster Planning for Air Quality	2017	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 prerequisites 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](#).

U.S. EPA/NTAA Air Policy Update Call – Thursday, January 26th, 2016 at 2:00 pm ET. To participate, please send your request to andy.bessler@nau.edu.

Climate Change / Energy

U.S. DOE to Host Three Regional Alaska Energy Workshops in January

Many communities in rural Alaska are taking steps to lower energy costs, mitigate the impacts of climate change, and reduce reliance on imported fuel. To advance these efforts, the Office of Indian Energy is offering a series of regional energy workshops in January 2017. Designed to provide Alaska Native villages and corporations and their partners with the knowledge and tools needed to navigate the complexities of developing clean energy projects, the workshops will cover:

- How renewable energy and energy efficiency projects can help address community energy challenges and advance clean energy goals
- Effective strategies and tactics for identifying potential funding and financing opportunities, overcoming challenges, and gaining community buy-in
- Experience-based insights and lessons learned from other Native villages.

The workshops are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

- Jan. 18–19, 2017: Barrow, AK (North Slope Region)
- Jan. 23–24, 2017: Fairbanks, AK (Interior Region)
- Jan. 26–27, 2017: Gulkana, AK (Ahtna Region)

[Learn more](#) about the workshops and how to register.

Toxics/Mobile Sources

On December 20, 2016 EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy signed a final rule that revised “National Emission Standards for Operating Uranium Mill Tailings,” Subpart W of 40 CFR part 61. The revised standard requires the use of generally available control technology (GACT) to limit radon emissions from uranium tailings impoundments built after 1989.

Specific control technologies would be required at conventional tailings impoundments, evaporation ponds and heap leach piles. The revised standard also contains record-keeping and construction requirements. Existing radon emissions standards and monitoring requirements for impoundments built before 1989 remain

in force. The rule becomes effective 60 days after its publication in the Federal Register.

You can view a pre-publication copy of the final rule and a fact sheet at: <https://www.epa.gov/radiation/subpart-w-rulemaking-activity>
EPA will hold a conference call to discuss the new rule on January 5, 2017. Click on the above link for details.

Indoor Air Quality

NTAA's Indoor Air Quality Work Group will hold its next call on Thursday, January 12th at 2 pm ET. To join the work group or the call, please contact NTAA Project Director Andy Bessler at andy.bessler@nau.edu.

NTAA has re-opened the Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Needs Assessment for Indian Country! The NTAA IAQ Work Group has re-opened the IAQ Needs Assessment in hopes that more Tribes will complete the [on-line form found here!](#) In re-opening the IAQ needs assessment, NTAA hopes Tribes who have not previously completed this online form will do so now thus helping Tribal and Federal governmental leaders understand the extent of IAQ needs in Tribal communities. The IAQ Needs Assessment will remain open until **January 30th, 2017**. Please allow at least an hour to complete the IAQ Needs Assessment. For more information on the NTAA IAQ work group that created this needs assessment, please visit NTAA's [website here](#).

Please allocate at least 60 minutes to answer all the questions. When you are finished, simply click on the "submit" button at the end of the survey to ensure your answers are properly counted.

U.S. EPA Request for Applications (RFA): “National Indoor Environments Program: Reducing Public Exposure to Indoor Pollutants”

U.S. EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR), Indoor Environments Division (IED) has posted a new RFA (EPA-OAR-ORIA-17-02) here, www.epa.gov/grants/air-grants-and-funding, and here, www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=290725.

Examples of projects eligible for funding include those that result in (1) an increase in the number of homes and schools built with radon-reducing features, (2) an increase in the number of home visiting programs providing in-home asthma interventions by licensed providers in disproportionately affected communities, and (3) an increase in the number of homes, schools and office buildings with interventions that reduce exposure to multiple indoor air contaminants.

EPA expects to make between 10 and 20 awards. The selected indoor environments projects will be funded in the amount of \$2–4 million annually, for up to 3 years (2018–2020). Closing Date: Friday, February 17, 2017, 4:00 p.m. EST.

Microbiomes Webinar Now Available Online!

EPA's Indoor Environments Division thanks you for attending the September webinar on the current state of the science on microbiomes and the built environment.

Dr. Brent Stephens, Associate Professor of Architectural Engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology, presented *What Have We Learned about the Microbiomes of Indoor Environments?* The webinar presentation is now available for viewing at [youtu.be/u --F2c4b4o](https://youtu.be/u--F2c4b4o).

RESOURCES

Now Hiring!

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA

Alliance for Green Heat - [New AGH zip code search for stove incentive programs](#)

Thinking about upgrading your wood or pellet stove? These tips can help you make an affordable choice. Our zip code search lets you find stove change-out and incentive programs in your area. If your stove is 20 years old or more, it's time to try out a new one.

Tribal Fact Sheet on Methane

The National Wildlife Federation and the Clean Air Task Force have revised their [Tribal Fact Sheet on Methane](#).

EPA Region 2 Seeks Nominations for Environmental Champions

Each year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency recognizes and honors environmental trailblazers – individuals, businesses and organizations that have contributed significantly to improving the environment and protecting public health. EPA is seeking nominations of environmental stewards within its region covering New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands and eight federally recognized Indian Nations who have gone above and beyond for

environmental change in local communities. Winners will be honored with this annual award at a ceremony in the Spring of 2017 at EPA's regional office in Manhattan. The Agency is accepting nominations for its Environmental Champion Awards until February 3, 2017.

To nominate an individual or organization, please visit EPA's Environmental Champion Award webpage at <http://www.epa.gov/aboutepa/environmental-champion-awards>.

Climate Change/Energy

ITEP's Tribal Climate Change Newsletter: This monthly newsletter provides news items, resources, announcements about funding opportunities, conferences, and training, and other information relevant to tribal climate change issues.

Indoor Air Quality

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

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA

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. Organizations that can apply (eligible entities) are typically based on the funding announcements' [authorizing statute](#) and [catalog of federal domestic assistance \(CFDA\)](#). **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'.

Cliff Bar Foundation Small Grants

Details at <http://clifbarfamilyfoundation.org/Grants-Programs/Small-Grants>
Application closes February 1, 2017.

These grants are awarded for general organizational support as well as funding for specific projects. Small grants average approximately \$7,000 each. Priority is given to applicants that:

- Address our funding priorities from a holistic perspective
- Protect Earth's beauty and bounty.
- Create a robust, healthy food system.
- Increase opportunities for outdoor activity.
- Reduce environmental health hazards.
- Build stronger communities.
- Operate with clearly defined objectives and viable plans to achieve them.
- Demonstrate strong community ties and operate at the community level.
- Promote positive change through both the projects and their implementation process.

People, Prosperity and the Planet Award Program, EPA

Details at <https://www.epa.gov/research-grants/14th-annual-p3-awards-national-student-design-competition-sustainability-focusing>. **Application closes February 3, 2017. Funding amount: Up to \$15,000 per Phase I grant and up to \$75,000 per Phase II grant**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency invites submissions to the 14th Annual P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition for Sustainability Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet. P3 focuses on scientific projects and engineering designs that address the three components of sustainability: people, prosperity and the planet.

The P3 Program is intended to support science-based projects and designs developed by interdisciplinary student teams that benefit people by improving their quality of life, promoting prosperity by developing local economies, and protecting the planet by conserving resources and minimizing pollution. Public nonprofit institutions/organizations (limited to degree-granting public institutions of higher education) and private nonprofit institutions/organizations (limited to degree-granting private institutions of higher education) located in the U.S. (includes eligible institutions of higher education located in U.S. territories and possessions) are eligible to apply to be the recipient of a grant to support teams of undergraduate and/or graduate students.

Groundwork USA Program Funding and Technical Assistance

Details at <http://groundworkusa.org/groundwork-network/start-a-new-groundwork-trust/> **Letters of Interest due by February 1, 2017.**

The Groundwork Program of the National Park Service builds community capacity to improve the environmental, economic and social conditions in

communities impacted by brownfields and derelict lands. It supports the establishment and early success of locally organized and led nonprofit organizations, called Groundwork Trusts, dedicated to carrying out the mission of the Groundwork network. Funding is now in place to select up to two new communities for exploration of the Groundwork Program. Selected communities will be eligible for up to \$200,000 in funding and technical assistance from the National Park Service, US Environmental Protection Agency, and Groundwork USA. Funding will support the planning, establishment, and building capacity of a new Groundwork Trust organization in each community.

Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Funding, [EPA Region 10](#)

Details at <https://www.epa.gov/tribal/region-10-tribal-environmental-gap-funding>. Draft budgets and work plans are due January 17, 2017.

Funding amount: \$75,000 to \$128,000

EPA Region 10 is accepting proposals from federally recognized tribal governments and intertribal consortia for Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP) funding for work to be completed in fiscal year 2018. The goal of GAP is to assist tribes in building capacity to administer tribal environmental programs consistent with the federal laws the EPA is charged with implementing, according to their individual needs. Based on Region 10's GAP budget allocation, EPA will prioritize applicant funding in the following order:

- Individual Tribes. The primary purpose of GAP grants is to build tribal capacity for developing and administering environmental protection programs. Therefore, providing GAP grants to individual tribal governments is our highest priority.
- Intertribal Consortia. EPA will consider funding for intertribal consortia after it has funded individual tribes' proposals. Consortia work plans must meet the capacity-building needs of member tribes without duplicating individual tribal efforts.

Climate Change/Energy

U.S. EPA's State and Local Climate and Energy Newsletter includes a [calendar of 2016 EPA grant opportunities](#) that may be of particular interest to Tribal communities.

DOE SunShot Initiative Launches Challenge to Expand Solar Access to More Communities, Including Tribes

In an effort to make solar energy more accessible for every American, the DOE SunShot Initiative has launched the \$5 million Solar in Your Community

Challenge, a new prize competition that aims to improve solar electricity access for low- and moderate-income households; state, local, and tribal governments; and nonprofit organizations.

The Solar in Your Community Challenge encourages the development of innovative financial and business models that serve low- and moderate-income communities that may have been left out of the solar boom. Offering \$5 million in cash prizes and technical assistance over 18 months, the challenge supports teams across the country to develop projects or programs that reach underserved customers in their communities, while proving that these business models can be widely replicated and scaled up.

The early application deadline to participate in the challenge is Jan. 6, 2017, and the regular deadline is March 17, 2017. Learn more about [how tribes and other communities can participate in the competition](#) and [apply today](#).

DOE Makes Up to \$6 Million Available to Deploy Energy Efficiency and Clean Energy on Indian Lands

DOE expects to make approximately \$4 million to \$6 million of federal funding available for new awards under this funding opportunity announcement (FOA), subject to the availability of appropriated funds. The actual level of funding, if any, depends on congressional appropriations. DOE anticipates making approximately 6 to 10 awards under this FOA. On November 14, during the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy Program Review, Office Director Chris Deschene announced a new funding opportunity to install energy efficiency measures and deploy clean energy systems on Indian lands.

The application deadline is Feb. 7, 2017. [Learn more and apply](#).

[FY17 Coral Reef Conservation Program, Domestic Coral Reef Conservation Grants](#) (NOS, NOAA, Department of Commerce)

This funding opportunity is soliciting applications intended to support coral reef conservation projects in shallow water coral reef ecosystems, including reefs at mesophotic depths, in American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Florida, Guam, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and coral-dominated banks in the U.S. portions of the Gulf of Mexico. Eligibility includes federally recognized Indian tribal governments. Funding opportunity # NOAA-NOS-OCM-2017-2005011. Deadline: 01/11/17.

[FY 2017 National Climate Change & Wildlife Center Program](#) (Geological Survey)

This program was created to ensure that the National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center is responsive to the research and management needs of Federal and

State agencies to provide science and technical support regarding the impacts of climate change in fish, wildlife, plants and ecological processes. National coordination of research and modeling at regional centers will ensure uniformity of downscaling and forecasting models and standardized information to support management of fish and wildlife resources and regional partnership collaborations. The CSC's will provide access to the expertise at cooperating universities and supports the mission of the program. Eligibility: Unrestricted. Funding opportunity # G16AS00129. Deadline: 01/12/17.

[NOAA Climate Program Office FY2017 - Understanding Climate Impacts on Fish Stocks and Fisheries to Inform Sustainable Management](#) (Dept. of Commerce)

The goal is to inform sustainable fisheries management and promote resilience of the nation's fish stocks and fisheries in a changing climate. For FY17, this OAR/NMFS partnership, through the Coastal and Ocean Climate Applications (COCA) Program, will continue to take a regional approach to improving the resilience and adaptation of fisheries in a changing climate by soliciting proposals under two competitions. Eligibility includes Indian tribal governments. Funding opportunity # OAA-OAR-CPO-2017-2004998. Deadline: 01/30/17.

Indoor Air Quality

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New RFA for 2018–2020 now available!

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U.S. EPA Cooperative Agreements for the period 2018–2020

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Currently, the Indoor Environments Program focuses on critical aspects of indoor air quality that pose significant risks to public health, particularly to children and other disproportionately affected segments of society. The Program's priorities

include, yet are not limited to (1) radon, (2) indoor environmental asthma triggers, and (3) multiple indoor air contaminants.

Examples of projects eligible for funding include those that result in (1) an increase in the number of homes and schools built with radon-reducing features, (2) an increase in the number of home visiting programs providing in-home asthma interventions by licensed providers in disproportionately affected communities, and (3) an increase in the number of homes, schools and office buildings with interventions that reduce exposure to multiple indoor air contaminants.

To learn more about IED's currently funded (2014–2017) cooperative agreements and partners, visit www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq/cooperative-agreement-funding-indoor-air-quality. To learn more about healthy indoor environments and indoor air quality, visit www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq. Opt in [here](#) to receive periodic email updates about healthy indoor air.

U.S. HUD - HUD recipients can request technical assistance on basically any subject, as long as is it related to NAHASDA. The requests come in to the ONAP Area Office, which typically considers whether the tribe has any other TA needs, and then assembles a TA request package for HQ to consider. From what I have been able to gather, training on indoor air issues has never been requested - but it could be. ONAP has contracts with certain TA providers for these TA requests. Those TA providers may subcontract as needed. The link below names the TA providers and discusses the process. A link to the ONAP CodeTalk website is provided below in case you are interested in getting a better feel for ONAP's Area Office structure. TA process:

<http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=onaptaannouce.pdf>

CodeTalk:

http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih

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