



National Tribal Air Association

NTAA Weekly Update

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TOP STORIES

The NTAA is requesting stories from your Tribe on the successes, challenges, and new programs in your air quality and environmental offices for the 2018 Status of Tribal Air Report (STAR). Please [fill out this form](#) before March 5, 2018, to be featured in the STAR! Contact Dara.Marks-Marino@nau.edu with any questions or concerns.

Join the NTAA Member Tribe Feedback call on Thursday, February 8, at 3pm ET, to provide feedback to the Executive Committee. Call 1-805-309-2350 or toll free 1-800-309-2350, and enter code 928-523-0526#.

The National Tribal Forum on Air Quality is seeking presenters and sponsors/exhibitors. [Click HERE](#) to submit the Presentation/Session request form. [Click HERE](#) for information on or to sign up for the Eco-Café. Sponsors/exhibitors can access the request form, and learn more details on perks and pricing, by visiting the “Sponsors & Exhibitors” page on the NTFAQ website here: nau.edu/ntfaq. Contact Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu with questions.

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

AZ Central – [Coal miners fight to keep Navajo plant open; SRP says only a ‘unicorn’ can save it](#)

Native Sun News – [Tribal groups, in coalition suing to block repeal of federal fracking rule](#)

Cronkite News – [Tribes say ‘no thanks’ to plan for scaled-back Bears Ears monument](#)

Native Sun News – [Northwest tribes support Paris Climate Agreement](#)

Native Sun News – [Indian legislators lead fight to protect Black Hills against mining](#)

The Hill – [Court grants EPA delay on animal waste emissions reporting](#)

Huffington Post – [Trump’s Climate-Denying Coal Lobbyist Nominee Inches Closer To EPA’s No. 2 job](#)

NY Times – [Trump’s Environmental Rollbacks Were Fast. It Could Get Messy in Court.](#)

The Hill – [Pruitt: Goal is to roll EPA back from ‘weaponized’ past](#)

Trib Live – [New report assesses impact of coal mining’s decline on Appalachia](#)

The Hill – [EPA to jumpstart ‘war on lead’ with strategy meeting](#)

The Hill – [Dem Senator questions EPA on stark decline in grant awards](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

NY Times – [The State of the Climate, One Year Into the Trump Era](#)

The Guardian – [How Bill Gates aims to clean up the planet](#)

NPR – [The Forgotten Renewable: Geothermal Energy Production Heats Up](#)

NPR – [Can Seagrass Save Shellfish From Climate Change?](#)

NY Times – [Exxon Mobil Tripling Its Bet on the Hottest U.S. Shale Field](#)

E&E News – [4 climate questions for Trump on infrastructure](#)

E&E News – [Cities pepper courts with climate cases. Oil is the target](#)

E&E News – [Developers scramble to save pipeline from shutdown](#)

The 1A Show – [Oil On Our Terms](#)

WNPR – [Can A Carbon Price Really Catch On?](#)

CNN – [This is what climate change looks like](#)

NPR – [Black Lung Study Finds Biggest Cluster Ever Of Fatal Coal Miners' Disease](#)

Drought

NY Times – [Dangerously Low on Water, Cape Town Now Faces 'Day Zero'](#)

NPR – [California Appears Headed Back To Drought](#)

NPR – [Why Low Snowfall In The Rockies Is Concerning For Western Water Managers](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

NY Times – [BMW and Daimler Move Against Executives Over Diesel Tests on Monkeys](#)

E&E News – [Former monument acres open to mining claims](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Science Daily – [Human skin flakes lead to bad smell in air-conditioning systems](#)

DVIDS – [Army Reserve Sustainability Programs Urge Communities to Care About Indoor Air](#)

Photos from the field

NY Times – [Exxon Studies Climate Policies and Sees 'Little Risk' to Bottom Line](#)



An Exxon refinery in Baytown, Tex. The company reassured shareholders that it would “continue to play a critical role in meeting the world’s energy demand.” Credit: Benjamin Lowy/Reportage by Getty Images

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UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

The Office of Grants and Debarment is holding tribal consultation on Financial Assistance Agreements

The EPA is initiating consultation and coordination with federally-recognized tribes on two draft Grants Policy Issuances and one grants guidance document which includes: 1) EPA Electronic Payment and Proper Payment Drawdown Policy; 2) Draft EPA Policy on Direct Charges for Proposal Preparation Costs, and Interim Best Practice Guide for Procuring Services, Supplies, and Equipment under EPA Assistance Agreements. EPA will accept written comments through February 16, 2018. For more information on this consultation opportunity, go to:

<https://tcots.epa.gov/>. For general information on grants, go to:
<https://www.epa.gov/grants>

The Consultation Webinar/Teleconference was held last week and can be accessed here: <http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/p78w7cmls2/>

EPA Listening Sessions on the Proposed Repeal of the Clean Power Plan

Please hold February 28 if you're interested in attending one of three listening sessions the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is planning on its intention to repeal the Carbon Pollution Emission Guidelines for Existing Stationary Sources: Electric Utility Generating Units, commonly referred to as the Clean Power Plan. The [press release](#) is available at EPA's newsroom. Comments may also be provided in writing as described in the press release.

The west coast listening session will be held on **Wednesday, February 28**, at the San Francisco Main Public Library in the Koret Auditorium, 30 Grove Street, San Francisco, CA 94102, from **8:30 AM to 7:30 PM PST**. EPA will host three sessions throughout the day that will be structured and run identically:

- Session 1 from 8:30 AM to 12:50 PM;
- Session 2 from 1:00 to 4:50 PM; and
- Session 3 from 5:00 to 7:30 PM PST.

During the on-line registration, attendees will need to choose which of the three sessions they prefer to attend and every effort will be made to accommodate these requests.

Registration information and more details will be posted soon at: <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/electric-utility-generating-units-repealing-clean-power-plan>. Pre-registration to provide oral remarks, as well as only attend and not provide oral remarks, will begin when the notice is published in the Federal Register and close one week prior to each session on February 21, 2018. Due to meeting space limitations, we highly encourage those who are attending to register for the event as soon as possible. Spanish interpretation will be available at the listening session.

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

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

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

NTAA Member Tribe Feedback Call: Provide feedback to the NTAA Executive Committee	Thursday, February 8, 3pm ET
Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Help implement IAQ priorities and develop webinars	Thursday, February 15, 2pm ET
Status of Tribal Air Report Work Group: This group meets every other Wednesday, January-April, to produce the STAR	Wednesday, February 21, 1pm ET
EPA Policy Update Call: Receive updates from EPA	Thursday, February 22, 2pm ET
Volkswagen Settlement Work Group: Continue to help in the next steps of this settlement	Thursday, February 22, 4pm ET

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

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

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

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

Course Title	Dates	Location
Air Quality Computations	February 27-March 2	Phoenix, AZ
Air Pollution Technology	March 13-16	Flagstaff, AZ
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke (hybrid course)	March 27-28	Boise, ID
GIS for Air Quality	April 17-19	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Air Quality in Alaska	April 17-20	Barrow, AK

IAQ Diagnostic Tools for Alaska	May 1-3	AK
<i>National Tribal Forum on Air Quality</i>	<i>May 14-18</i>	<i>Duluth, MN</i>
Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants (lower 48)	June 5-7	Flagstaff, AZ
Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Cold Climates	Open	Online
Residential Building Science Review	Open	Online
Radon Fundamentals	Open	Online
Quality Assurance (QA) Fundamentals	Open	Online
Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPP)	Open	Online
Emissions Inventory (self-paced, instructor assistance as needed)	Open	Online
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke (hybrid course)	January-March	Series of 5 webinars

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

Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke: January-March, 2018.

This webinar series will provide attendees with an understanding of the impacts of wildland smoke on the health of tribal communities and strategies to minimize exposure. Each 90-minute webinar is free and open to anyone. The webinars will be recorded. **All webinars must be completed prior to the in-person workshop for tribes, March 27-28, 2018, in Boise, Idaho.** The in-person workshop application is available on the ITEP website:

http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air. If you would like additional information please contact Pat Ellsworth, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, at patricia.ellsworth@nau.edu or 928-523-6721.

To Register for the webinars, send an email to: baldwin.joyce@epa.gov. In your email, you may request registration for a particular webinar or for all of them. If you have questions about registration, please call Regina Chappell at 919-541-3650.

Webinar #	Date	Presentations
1	January 18 2:00 PM EST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Comparative Toxicity of Biomass Smoke from Different Fuels and Combustion Conditions</i> • <i>EPA Methods for National Wildland Fire Emission Inventories, and Resulting WLF Emission Estimates Over Tribal Lands</i> • <i>Wildfire Smoke and Your Health</i>
2	February 1 2:00 PM EST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Modeling Tools and Monitor Information for Smoke Impacts</i> • <i>Where there's Wildland Smoke – There Are Air Resource Advisors!</i> • <i>Overview of Emerging Air Quality Monitoring Technologies and Their Data</i>
3	February 15 2:00 PM EST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Reducing the Public Health Impacts of Smoke</i> • <i>Getting the Word Out About Air Quality Using Facebook</i> • <i>Ready, Set, Go – Information on Wildfires</i>
4	March 1 2:00 PM EST	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Yurok Tribe's Wildfire Disaster Response and Reintroduction of Prescribed Fire to Help Prevent Future Wildfires</i> • <i>Preparing for the Next Wildland Fire Season</i>
5	March 15 2:00 PM ET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Residential and Community Strategies to Prevent Forest Fire Smoke Exposures</i> • <i>Industrial Air Scrubbers During Wildfire Conditions: A Public Health Intervention</i> • <i>Protecting the Health of Pets and Livestock</i>

The TAMS Center is announcing a Call for Nominations for the [Virgil Masayesva Tribal Air Programs Excellence Award](#) and for four positions on the [TAMS Steering Committee](#). The TAMS Center will be accepting nominations until March 2, 2018. Please feel free to contact the TAMS Center (702-784-8278/8263/8264) if you have any questions.

Waters of the United States Tribal Webinar on Tuesday, February 20, from 2:00-3:15 p.m. EST.

The Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of the Army (“the agencies”) are inviting tribal governments and tribal staff to a webinar to discuss

our direction and progress as we consider revising the definition of “Waters of the United States” (WOTUS). This webinar is limited to tribes or tribal staff.

Registration information will follow by the week of February 5; all participants must register by February 16.

At this webinar, the agencies will share information on:

- 1) Progress on WOTUS rulemaking efforts
- 2) Baseline information being collected to inform the economic analysis and technical support document (methodology and, where possible, draft results)
- 3) Initial high-level policy direction

There will be an opportunity for questions and answers following the presentation. Please email CWAwotus@epa.gov by February 9, 2018, if captioning or special accommodations are needed.

Climate Change / Energy

2018 Tribal Sovereignty and Self-Determination through Community Energy Development Webinar Series Begins January 31

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs and the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) are pleased to co-sponsor the 2018 monthly webinar series. The series is intended for tribal leaders, tribal staff, and others interested in energy development in Indian Country, and includes 11 webinars, all offered at no cost and scheduled at 11 a.m. Mountain Time (MT) on the last Wednesday of each month, beginning in January and concluding in November.

The 2018 series kicks off with [Office of Indian Energy: Advancing Future Leaders through STEM](#) on January 31, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. MT. DOE has joined the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) in its campaign to raise awareness and facilitate dialogue around the importance of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) studies and careers in Indian Country. In concert with these efforts, this webinar will highlight the Office of Indian Energy’s [college student internship program](#), which offers Native students the opportunity to be immersed in energy project planning and development activities with experts in the field and at DOE's national laboratories. Applications are now being accepted through February 19 for the summer 2018 internship opportunity.

There is no charge to attend, but registration is required. [Register now](#) for this webinar, and [learn more](#) about the 2018 Tribal Sovereignty and Self-Determination through Community Energy Development webinar series.

2018 Alaska Regional Energy Workshops

This year, the Office of Indian Energy is offering a series of regional workshops designed to provide Alaska Native leaders and their staffs with the knowledge and tools needed to navigate the complexities of developing and implementing energy projects in Alaska, including:

- How projects can help address community energy challenges and advance 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.

Facilitated by technical experts from DOE and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory, the workshops will cover:

- Regional energy issues and an overview of the state's regional energy plan
- Frameworks for strategic energy planning and project development
- Project financing options in the Alaskan context
- Energy technology and energy efficiency basics
- Strategies for effective energy project communications and outreach.

Workshop Locations and Dates

Unalaska: February 7–8, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. at the Burma Road Chapel

Cordova: February 20–21, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. at the Cordova Center

Kodiak: May 15–16, 9 a.m.–5 p.m. at the Koniag Building

There is no cost to attend the workshops, but participating are responsible for their own lodging, meals, and travel costs.

More information will be posted on the [Workshops web page](#).

More Events

View the Office of Indian Energy [events calendar](#) for information on additional trainings and events that may be of interest to tribes.

Clean Energy State's Alliance presents Financing Solar Projects for Public and Affordable Housing

Thursday, February 15, 1-2pm ET

This webinar will discuss ownership and finance pathways for solar projects for public and affordable housing.

[Learn more and register here](#).

Clean Energy State's Alliance presents Solar + Storage for Public and Affordable Housing

Thursday, February 22, 1-2pm ET

This webinar will provide an overview of the technology, value proposition, and financing options for projects that pair solar with battery storage (solar+storage) for public and affordable housing.

[Learn more and register here.](#)

ITEP's Climate Change Adaptation Training Courses registration is online!

[Learn more about the courses and register here.](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Webinar You Should Kiss and Tell About This: Kissing Bugs and Chagas Disease

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 | 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

Followed by a live Q&A session 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.

This webinar will prepare you to—

- Identify kissing bugs and understand how Chagas disease is transmitted.
- Learn how to protect yourself from kissing bugs and recognize when you have been bitten.
- Be aware of what types of habitats attract this pest and learn how to adjust your environment accordingly.
- Understand the importance of utilizing integrated pest management practices indoors and outdoors to alleviate these pests.

Featured Presenters:

- Patricia Dorn, PhD., Hutchinson Distinguished Professor of Biological Sciences, Loyola University New Orleans
- Dr. Stephen Klotz, University of Arizona Department of Medicine

[Register here!](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Residential Wood Smoke Workshop to be held in Nashville, TN, from March 6 – March 8, 2018.

This Workshop will be held in conjunction with the Hearth, Patio and Barbeque Association Trade Show/EXPO and is being coordinated by EPA with support from the Western States Air Resources Council (WESTAR). Workshop participants will include state, local, tribal, federal and non-profit organization personnel. Workshop participants will discuss residential wood heating/combustion program issues, opportunities, challenges, lessons learned and partnerships. The Workshop will also provide participants an opportunity to tour

the 265,000 square foot Trade Show floor to see firsthand various hearth technologies, including wood, wood pellet, coal and gas stoves, wood-fired central heating system and meet with industry representatives.

You can register for this free event at:

<http://events.eventzilla.net/e/residential-wood-smoke-workshop-nashville-tn-march-68-2018-2138945854> It is critical to book your lodging early as there are few places with a government rate – most places allow you to cancel 48 hours before check-in. If you have questions related to the Workshop, contact Larry Brockman brockman.larry@epa.gov, 919-541-5398.

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RESOURCES

Now Hiring!

Grand Canyon Trust is hiring a Special Projects Coordinator for their Native American Business Incubator Network (NABIN)

Temporary position from February 2018-February 2019. Renewal dependent on grant funding. [More information here.](#)

Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, is hiring an Environmental Protection Specialist

Closing date: 2/15/2018

Location: Phoenix, AZ

More information: [USA Jobs](#)

Bears Ears Tribal Commission is seeking a Director

Position open until February 16, 2018. Contact bearscommission@gmail.com for more information, and to send a cover letter and resume to apply.

AmeriCorps Individual Placement (IP) with Grand Staircase Escalante Partners

This is a field position to complete work on the Escalante River Restoration Project, which focuses on non-native woody invasive removal, mainly Russian olive, along the Escalante River and its tributaries in southern Utah. The main task of this job will be to conduct treatments of invasive plants on public lands, as directed, including new treatment, retreatment, and monitoring through the proper

use and handling of herbicides, tools, chainsaws, and backcountry logistics. This may require carrying heavy packs over rough terrain for up to 10 miles one way to reach project sites. The woody invasive restoration project also includes taking an active role in managing conservation corps crews and volunteers in their work on this project throughout the season. This position is full-time season from approximately March - Nov 2018.

[Check out the website](#) for more details.

To Apply: Email a cover letter, resume, and list of three professional references to stephanie@gsepm.org. Include GSEP IP in the subject line.

Application due: February 14, 2018.

Anticipated Start Date: March 1, 2018.

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

The Tribal Governance Group is Conducting a Tribal Capacity Needs Assessment on Environmental Data Collection and Management

This Needs Assessment is being conducted by the [Tribal Governance Group \(TGG\)](#), which is seeking input from tribal leaders, environmental program staff, and information technology staff that support tribal environmental projects. We would value 15 minutes of your time to complete a brief questionnaire seeking information on your tribes' environmental data management activities and technological capacity. Please distribute this questionnaire to the tribal representative(s) and/or staff person(s) most appropriate to respond; multiple responses per tribe will accepted.

As funding for tribal programs continues to shrink and become more competitive, it is essential that federal agencies are informed with robust, representative input directly from tribes. The TGG has continued to advocate for increased funding support for tribal programs that is also responsive to tribal needs and constraints, and supports tribal goals and priorities.

Your participation will aid the TGG in understanding the current capacity, needs, and challenges of tribal environmental data management. Your input will help inform strategies that elevate tribal issues and communicate the need for adequate resources, and appropriate technical and financial support to sustain tribal environmental programs into the future.

The needs assessment is easy to complete using either a computer or mobile device. Please click on the link below to access the online form (if the link does not open automatically, copy and paste the link into a web browser to access).

http://nau.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b42EtWFq3AU7IEp

Those responses received by February 16, 2018, will be presented by TGG as a preliminary summary of findings at the upcoming [Tribal Exchange Network Conference](#), which will be held in Tucson, Arizona on February 27-28, 2018.

All responses are confidential; data are being solicited, analyzed and summarized by the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) at Northern Arizona University (NAU) using non-federal funding sources. The TGG and ITEP will share only aggregate data, compiled in summary format with external audiences via the following website: www.tribalexchangenetwork.org. For more information, visit: www.tribalexchangenetwork.org or contact Frank Harjo, TGG Chair at fharjo@mcn-nsn.gov

TAMS Center requesting Tribal Program input

The TAMS Steering Committee is working with the EPA to update the 2007 EPA document titled the *Technical Guidance for the Development of Tribal Air Monitoring Programs*. There is an optional feedback form that you can request from TAMS to provide an opportunity for tribes to contribute their air quality examples.

In a few sentences, describe how (and why, if applicable) your Tribal program implements or is engaged in any air quality monitoring or other air quality assessment projects. Please feel free to respond to as many or as few of the questions from the questionnaire as you like. Please send your responses to the TAMS Center at TAMS@nau.edu. Feedback is due February 9, 2017. If you have any questions, please contact the TAMS Center at 702-784-8264. Thank you!

EPA Tools and Resources Webinar Series

Usually held the third Wednesday of every month from 3:00-4:00 PM ET
Who should attend? Representatives of state environment and health agencies, tribes, local governments, communities, and others interested in learning about EPA tools and resources available to help inform decision-making.

[Access past webinars and learn more here.](#)

No-Cost Technical Assistance from DOE

The DOE Office of Indian Energy provides federally recognized Indian tribes, including Alaska Native villages, tribal energy resource development organizations, and other organized tribal groups and communities, with technical assistance to advance tribal energy projects at no cost. Technical experts from DOE and its national laboratories, along with other partnering organizations, provide support to assist Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages with energy

planning, housing and building energy efficiency, project development, policy and regulation, resilience, and village power.

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

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

Don't Mess with Mercury – A mercury spill prevention initiative for schools
The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry [has this website](#) as a resource for mercury and schools.

Indoor Air Quality

The Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC) in conjunction with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed a Bed Bug Educational Package meant to provide useful information to Tribal members for bed bug prevention and control, and is available through the TPPC web site dedicated to bed bug issues at <http://tppcwebsite.org/bed-bugs/>.

Additional useful materials posted at that TPPC web site for Tribes include the Bed Bug Issue Paper (survey of the problem in Tribal Country), EPA webinar on bed bugs in schools, links to other bed bug resources, and Federal funding resources.

Please feel free to contact Donald Baumgartner or Emily Ryan (EPA Headquarters) at 703/347-0595 if you have questions.

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

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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Tribal Practices for Wellness in Indian Country (RFA-DP18-1812PPHF)

<https://www.cdc.gov/chronicdisease/about/foa/tribal/1812/index.htm>

Deadline for submission: February 20, 2018

CDC convened tribal health leaders to increase understanding of tribal practices that strengthen physical and mental health, wellbeing, tribal identity, and connection to culture to better support the work tribes and their members do to stay healthy and well.

This 3-year [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) supports tribal practices identified by tribal health leaders that build resiliency and connections to community, family, and culture, which over time, can reduce risk factors for chronic disease among American Indians and Alaska Natives. Recipients will include up to 14 American Indian Tribes, Alaska Native villages, or American Indian or Alaska Native tribally designated organizations. No more than two awards to tribes and tribal organizations will be made within a single Indian Health Service Area. Up to 14 Urban Indian Organizations will also be funded to address the same strategies for that portion of their patient populations that is American Indian and Alaska Native.

Recipients will address these strategies:

- Connect cultural teachings to health and wellness
- Seasonal cultural practices that support health and wellness
- Social and cultural activities that promote community wellness
- Collaborations that strengthen wellbeing
- Intergenerational learning that supports wellbeing and resilience
- Promote traditional healthy foods
- Promote traditional and contemporary physical activities

The NOFO will include evaluation to strengthen the evidence-base for this approach in tribal communities. The long-term goals are to reduce morbidity and mortality due to heart disease, stroke, cancer and diabetes.

The annual *Robert Holden Tribal Environmental Exchange Network Achievement Award* is presented to a project, program, or individual working with the EPA Exchange Network resources to expand the technical capacity of one or more tribal environmental programs.

Nominations will be reviewed by the [Tribal Governance Group](#) and the award will be presented at the [2018 Tribal Exchange Network Conference](#), February 27-28, 2018 in Tucson, AZ.

Eligibility and criteria are as follows:

Project

- Insightful project idea to benefit tribal environmental program management
- Delivers superior performance of tribal environmental project management practices
- Provides superior tribal environmental data management and/or data analysis results
- Streamlines work processes for tribal environmental program(s)
- Project must have been completed no more than 24 months before the application deadline

Program

- Demonstrates superior organizational project management abilities by adding value to its tribal organization through its support of successful strategic initiatives
- Program established a vision for value delivery and has had a positive and clear impact on tribal environmental business results

Individual

- Active tribal representative working in a leadership, environmental program, or IT program
- Involved in Tribal Exchange Network grant tasks and/or tribal EN/EE governance participation
- Inspires people to be involved
- Willing to share ideas and experiences
- Speaks or participates in professional presentations
- Leadership activities make a positive difference in the tribal environmental community

Contact Natasha.Fulton@nau.edu for a nomination form. Forms are due by February 16, 2018.

Sierra Health Foundation of California Responsive Grants Program

Online applications are due March 19, 2018.

More information about this Foundation and Grant Program can be found [on their website](#).

U.S. EPA announces \$3 million available for locally focused environmental education grants. [Learn more here](#) and [here!](#) Proposals are due March 15, 2018.

Climate Change/Energy

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Indoor Air Quality

Nominations Are Now Being Accepted for the HUD Secretary's Award for Healthy Homes

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), through its Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) and in partnership with the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA), is accepting nominations for the annual HUD Secretary's Award for Healthy Homes. HUD recognizes excellence in making indoor environments healthier through healthy homes research, education, and program delivery, especially in low- to moderate-income communities.

The submission deadline is February 28, 2018, at 11:59:59 p.m. EST. Awards will be presented at the 2018 NEHA Annual Education Conference and HUD Healthy Homes Conference on June 27, 2018, in Anaheim, California.

[Click here to submit a nomination and learn more about the award.](#)

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, February 7, 2018. To see previous EPA rules posted, [click here](#).

Rule:

Identification and Listing of Hazardous Waste; CFR Correction

FR Document: [2018-02513](#) Citation: 83 FR 5340 [PDF](#) Page 5340 (*1 page*) [Permalink](#)

FR Document: [2018-02518](#) Citation: 83 FR 5340 [PDF](#) Page 5340 (*1 page*) [Permalink](#)

List of Categorical Non-Waste Fuels; Additions: Other Treated Railroad Ties

FR Document: [2018-02337](#) Citation: 83 FR 5317 [PDF](#) Pages 5317-5340 (24 pages) [Permalink](#)

Pesticide Tolerances:

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