



National Tribal Air Association

NTAA Weekly Update

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TOP STORIES

On Wednesday, September 6, 2017, the final **VW Settlement Trust Agreement** was made public and submitted to Federal District Court Judge Breyer for approval. This will set into motion the VW Settlement for Tribes. In response, NTAA updated the [NTAA's VW Settlement Work Group web page](#) for you to access the court documents and learn how your Tribe can access this \$55 million settlement to help repower or replace dirty diesel vehicles and equipment.

E&E News – [Appropriations: House keeps most EPA cuts, rejects bids to reverse riders](#)

E&E News – [House rejects deeper cuts for Interior, EPA](#)

HEADLINES

Hurricanes Harvey and Irma

Bloomberg – [Hurricane Irma's Chemical Fallout Could Be Worse than Harvey's](#)

E&E News – [Hurricane Irma: Evacuations ease load on grid as utilities get ready](#)

EPA – [EPA/TCEQ/City of Houston Harvey Update: Air Monitoring Data Released](#)

EPA – [EPA Securing Florida Superfund Sites Prior to Hurricane Irma](#)

New York Times - [Hurricane Irma Linked to Climate Change? For Some, a Very 'Insensitive' Question.](#)

E&E News – [Florida: Irma spotlights deep divisions on climate](#)

E&E News – [A building boom, millions of people and a storm named Irma](#)

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

NPR - [Is All That Wildfire Smoke Damaging My Lungs?](#)

ABC News - [2017 wildfire season in US West far worse than expected](#)

The Hill - [Trump riles Dems with pick for powerful EPA job](#)

E&E News – [EPA: Trump picks air chief, and Boxer not around to block him](#)

E&E News – [Business groups ask EPA to reconsider ozone standard](#)

Colorlines – [Former Trump Campaign Aide, Non-Scientist Now in Charge of EPA Grants](#)

Indianz – [Interior Department tries to streamline lengthy environmental review process](#)

E&E News – [Streamlined NEPA reviews could open agency to legal attacks](#)

EPA – [EPA's Top Tips for Breathing Easier in Hot, Smoky Conditions](#)

E&E News – [Senate disaster bill includes deal to prevent fire borrowing](#)

NPR – [Is All That Wildfire Smoke Damaging My Lungs?](#)

NPR – [Surveying the Wildfires Burning Across the Western U.S.](#)

Deseret News – [Trump administration halts pollution controls at Utah coal plants](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

AP – [Energy company consults native American tribe on wind farm](#)

E&E News – [Alaska may ask Trump to allow ANWR studies](#)

NPR – [Western Wildfires Continue As Eagle Creek Fire Prompts Finger-Pointing](#)

Bipartisan Report – [Mayor of Miami Makes Major Anti-Trump Admin Announcement From Emergency Operations Center](#)

Popular Science – [If everyone became vegetarian, would the planet actually be better off?](#)

AP – [What does it take to grow a sheep herd in coal country?](#)

AP – [Forest Service backs expansion of Colorado coal mine](#)

Time – [5 Ways Climate Change May Be Making Hurricanes Worse](#)

NPR – [How Climate Change Exacerbates Hurricanes](#)

LA Times – [Fires, droughts and hurricanes: What's the link between climate change and natural disasters?](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Indianz – [Yerington Paiute Tribe sues owners of abandoned mine for millions of dollars](#)

Indoor Air Quality

My Nottingham News - [Nottingham first to adopt revolutionary housing approach](#)

Courier-Journal – [Common-sense ways to improve air quality in your home. Hint: No need to buy a purifier](#)

Cooperator – [Improving Indoor Air Quality](#)

Courier-Journal – [Even though I'm an environmental reporter, the air quality in my home was eye-opening](#)

Photo from the field

Colorlines – [How Climate Change Intensified Hurricanes Harvey and Irma](#)



*Debris is seen during a storm surge near the Puerto Chico Harbor during the passing of Hurricane Irma on September 6, 2017 in Fajardo, Puerto Rico.
Photo: Jose Jimenez / Getty Images*

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UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

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

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

<p>Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Help set priorities and plan the upcoming Federal listening session.</p>	<p>Thursday, September 21, 2pm ET</p>
<p>EPA Policy Update Call: Receive updates from EPA</p>	<p>Thursday, September 28, 2pm ET</p>

Volkswagen Settlement Work Group: Stay informed about the VW settlement with these monthly calls	Thursday, October 12, 2pm ET
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Environmental Law Institute’s “Emerging Environmental Issues in Native Communities (Part 1)” webinar on September 19, 2017

Tribes and Native Villages are demonstrating reinvigorated environmental activism as they face increased pressures on natural resource use. Consequentially, some of the most significant new developments in environmental law are occurring in Indian country. Tribes and Native villages find themselves on the front line of disputes over natural resource management and pollution control in a nation undergoing political, economic, and social transition. Emerging issues include adaptation to climate change, asserting treaty rights over natural resources, and balancing pollution reduction against tribal economic interests. The impacts of these issues extend far beyond Indian country, and potentially globally. Learn more and register at <https://www.eli.org/events/emerging-environmental-issues-native-communities-part-1>

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and the National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) are looking for tribes and/or inter-tribal organizations interested in co-hosting the 2018 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTF). The NTF is a premier national conference focused on improving air quality and addressing the impacts of climate change that draws approximately 200 environmental professionals from tribes, state and federal agencies, and other organizations from across the country. For information about past conferences, please visit the ITEP website: www.nau.edu/itep

For more information, please contact Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu. Proposals for tribal co-host must be submitted no later than September 20, 2017.

The University of Arizona’s Tribal Environmental Health Forum will be held October 19-20 in Chandler, AZ

Purpose: We would like to invite you to a forum to address environmental health issues, to share successful resolution of community issues and to build capacity to respond to long-term and immediate environmental impacts on human health and our environment. This is an open forum for tribal community members, educators, tribal environmental and health professionals, university professionals and students to explore and create action plans for the important environmental issues that impact the health of tribal communities. Learn more here: <http://www.tribalforum.arizona.edu/>

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

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

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

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

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

Course Title	Dates	Location
2017		
Indoor Air Quality – Level 1	September 26-28	Tulsa, OK
Air Quality & IAQ in Alaska	October 10-13	Nome, AK
IAQ Diagnostic Tools	October 24-27	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Fundamentals of Air Monitoring	December 4-6	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
2018		
Introduction to Air Quality	January 9-12	Flagstaff, AZ
Treatment As State	February 6-8	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Air Quality Computations	February 27-March 2	Phoenix, AZ
IAQ in AK – Level 1	March 13-15	Alaska
Air Pollution Technology	March 20-23	Flagstaff, AZ
GIS for Air Quality	April 17-19	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Air Pollution & Ecosystems	May 15-18	Flagstaff, AZ
Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants	June 5-7	TBD
Quality Assurance (QA) Fundamentals	Open	Online
Building Performance: Improving Energy Efficiency & IAQ	TBD	Online

Radon Fundamentals	Open	Online
Tribal Data Toolbox	TBD	Instructor-led Online
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke	Dates TBD	Hybrid (online and classroom)

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

Join the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) for a free Project Planning and Development workshop

Need help designing your project? Join one of our Training & Technical Assistance (TTA) providers in your region at an ANA Project Planning and Development (PPD) Training. This in-person training takes place over several days and will walk you through a community-based planning process that will help to shape your project design.

PPD trainings are designed to provide prospective ANA applicants with skills to plan successful community development projects. Come to this training with an understanding of your community's long-range goals. Don't worry if you aren't quite there yet, we can also help you identify those goals along the way.

Participants learn how to:

- Work with community and key partners to identify and document specific problems that stand in the way of meeting community goals
- Create a project work plan to address those problems and attain community goals
- Develop measurable outcomes and impacts to the community
- Determine the level of resources and funding needed to implement the project

Training sessions are offered free of charge to tribes and Native American, Native Alaskan, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander non-profit organizations. Each participant is responsible for paying their own travel costs to attend. Unfunded ANA applicants are strongly encouraged to attend project planning and development training.

To view a list of PPD trainings and to register, visit [our events page](#). For more information on ANA's Applicant Training and Technical Assistance, or to locate your region's TA provider, visit [our TTA page](#).

Climate Change / Energy

2017 Southwestern Tribal Climate Change Summit

The La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians, Institute of Tribal Environmental Professionals, University of San Diego's Climate Education Partners (CEP), and the Climate Science Alliance are collaborating on the *2017 Southwestern Tribal Climate Change Summit*. Registration is now open and please forward to your contacts!

Location: *University of San Diego*

When: *September 19-21, 2017*

Website: http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Home/swtcc_Summit

NOTE:

- ✓ *Southwestern Tribes will receive first preference.*
- ✓ *If you submit a registration form, you must also submit an "Attendee Expectation Form."*

Contact: Contact Nikki.Cooley@nau.edu with any questions.

The Institute on Science for Global Policy is hosting a workshop called "Climate Geoengineering: GeoE LIVE"

When: Tuesday, September 12, 2017, from 1:00-5:00 PM ET.

Description: This is a collaboration between ISGP's "The Forum," Forum for Climate Engineering Assessment (American University), and the School of Sustainability at Arizona State University. The live-streams and links to *all* sessions can be found at www.facebook.com/isgpforum and www.twitter.com/isgpforum both before and during the event on September 12th, and we're encouraging those who are interested to check out the official Facebook event page (which is being updated regularly): <http://bit.ly/2w94bBV>

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Indoor Air Quality

ITEP's Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Communities: A Level 1 course for Tribes in the Lower 48

September 26-28, 2017. Tulsa, Oklahoma

Course Description: This entry-level course is designed to provide an understanding of common indoor air quality (IAQ) problems in tribal homes and schools. The course includes an overview of indoor air pollutants and their health effects, and tips for solving IAQ problems. There will be hands-on practice with a comprehensive assessment checklist used to identify IAQ problems. This course consists of lectures and a tribal case study, demonstrations, small-group activities, and a building walk-through.

Topics Include:

- Indoor air concerns in tribal communities
- Overview of building science
- Mold and its health effects
- IAQ pollutants and cancer
- IAQ and asthma
- Hazardous materials in homes and schools
- Combustion products
- Equipment for assessing IAQ
- Outreach: prevention of IAQ problems
- Collaboration and resources

There is no prerequisite for this course. Preference will be given to tribes who submit applications from TWO different departments: environmental, housing, and/or health. Preference will also be given to applicants who have an indoor air quality task in a grant work plan.

Please note: this course is a **pre-requisite** for ITEP's Level 2 course, Indoor Air Quality Diagnostic

Tools for Tribal Professionals.

Pre-Requisites: None

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

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

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RESOURCES

Now Hiring!

The USFS and the Wildlife Society are seeking Native American Research Assistantships

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Premier Partner of The Wildlife Society, is sponsoring a research assistantship program for Native American students. Short-term assistantships are available for Native American students interested in

wildlife and forest resources and excited to learn and work with an interdisciplinary team of researchers. Applicants must be a member of an American Indian or Alaska Native tribe, First Nations, or a Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, or have some other indigenous identification, and be currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program from an accredited academic institution. A bachelor's or master's degree in wildlife biology, ecology, forestry or other closely related natural resource discipline is preferred. Students with Associates degrees from TCUs or other community colleges will be considered. The deadline application is October 18, 2017. [Follow this link for more information.](#)

Western Mining Action Network is hiring an Indigenous Caucus Coordinator

Application deadline: September 29, 2017

WMAN is a network of Indigenous, conservation, and public interest groups that works to limit the adverse environmental, economic, and social impacts of the mining industry in North America. The Network Indigenous Coordinator is responsible for facilitating Network communications, especially among WMAN's Indigenous Caucus participants and between the Indigenous Caucus and Network as a whole; fundraising for the Indigenous Coordinator Position and Indigenous Caucus; promoting, utilizing and acquiring tools and resources for WMAN's Indigenous participants; and assisting the WMAN Coordinator in Network functions and operations. For more information and to apply, please contact Mary Costello, WMAN Coordinator, wmancoordinator@outlook.com

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Oregon Smoke Information

[This site](#) is an effort by many city, county, tribal, state and federal agencies to coordinate and aggregate information for Oregon communities affected by wildfire smoke.

Attention Region 9 Tribes:

San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians & U.S. EPA Region 9 25th Annual Tribal EPA Conference Conner Byestewa Jr. Award Nomination is open until September 15th.

All nominations must be submitted by September 15th, 2017. Nominations may be submitted via the [conference website](#) or by emailing the completed form to carolinaj@sanpasqualtribe.org.

Indian Health Service is pleased to announce the Zero Suicide Initiative Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcement (NOFO).

IHS anticipates making a total of 8 awards for \$3.2 million to IHS facilities, Tribes, and tribal or urban Indian organizations to improve the health care system for those at risk for suicide by implementing a comprehensive, culturally-informed, multi-setting approach. Individual award amounts are anticipated to be \$400,000. The deadline for the application submission is October 12, 2017.

For Tribes, Tribal organizations, and UIOs:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/08/21/2017-17599/division-of-behavioral-health-office-of-clinical-and-preventive-services-zero-suicide>

For IHS Federal Facilities:

<https://www.ihs.gov/suicideprevention/zerosuicide/fundingannouncement/>

For any questions, please contact LCDR Sean K. Bennett by phone at: 301-443-0104 or by email at: sean.bennett@ihs.gov

Dust Resources for Rural Alaska

[Dust Activity Book for Kids](#)

[TV Dust Commercial](#)

[Keep the Dust Down](#)

[Clean Air, Healthy Villages: Road Dust](#)

[Dust Radio Commercial](#)

[Dust Pamphlets](#)

[Dust Fact Sheet](#)

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!](#)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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EPA: Creating and Maintaining Healthier Environments for Children in U.S. Communities along the U.S.-Mexico Border – Request for Proposals

DATES: The closing date and time for receipt of proposal submissions is FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017 by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time (ET) in order to be considered for funding.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals for projects that address children's environmental health risks in southern California, Arizona, New Mexico, or Texas communities located within 100 kilometers or 62 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border including but not limited to those that support prenatal environmental health education, healthy childcare education, environmental health youth summits, or pediatric environmental health training.

Please Note: Communities who are impacted must be within 62 miles (100 kilometers) of the U.S. side of the U.S.-Mexico border.

FUNDING/AWARDS: The total estimated funding for this competitive opportunity is approximately \$200,000. EPA anticipates awarding up to

approximately 5-7 cooperative agreement(s) from this announcement, subject to availability of funds, the quality of proposals received, and other applicable considerations.

[Learn more here.](#)

FY 2017 Economic Development Assistance Programs, Department of Commerce

Full details [here](#)

There are no submission deadlines under this opportunity.

Funding range: \$100,000 to \$3,000,000

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) solicits applications from applicants in rural and urban areas to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs. Grants and cooperative agreements made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities. EDA provides strategic investments on a competitive- merit-basis to support economic development, foster job creation, and attract private investment in economically distressed areas of the United States. There are no submission deadlines under this opportunity. Proposals and applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until the publication of a new Economic Development Assistance Program Federal Funding Opportunity announcement.

U.S. EPA Air Grants and Funding:

EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) announces competitive funding announcements for projects and programs relating to [air quality](#), [transportation](#), [climate change](#), [indoor air](#) and other related topics. [This page](#) provides access to information about current funding opportunities under 'Open Announcements' and also provides as a reference tool, all previously announced funding announcements listed below and in archives under 'Closed Announcements.'

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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, September 13, 2017.

(Past copies can be accessed [here](#)).

Rule

Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Approvals and Promulgations: Missouri; Determination of Attainment for 2010 1-hour Primary Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard; Jefferson County Nonattainment Area FR Document: [2017-19339](#) Citation: 82 FR 42945 [PDF](#) Pages 42945-42947 (3 pages) [Permalink](#)

Pesticide Tolerances:

EPTC FR Document: [2017-19452](#) Citation: 82 FR 42947 [PDF](#) Pages 42947-42952 (6 pages) [Permalink](#)

Notice

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposals, Submissions, and Approvals FR Document: [2017-19461](#) Citation: 82 FR 43008 [PDF](#) Pages 43008-43009 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

Product Cancellation Order for Certain Pesticide Registrations; Correction

FR Document: [2017-19459](#) Citation: 82 FR 43005 [PDF](#) Pages 43005-43006 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

Registration Reviews:

Draft Human Health and/or Ecological Risk Assessments for Several Pesticides FR Document: [2017-19463](#) Citation: 82 FR 43006 [PDF](#) Pages 43006-43008 (3 pages) [Permalink](#)

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