



National Tribal Air Association

NTAA Weekly Update

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TOP STORIES

NY Times – [Tribes That Live off Coal Hold Tight to Trump’s Promises](#)

NY Times – [Congress is headed to Another Government Funding Showdown](#)

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Indianz.com – [Judge orders removal of gas pipeline on Indian land in Oklahoma](#)

AZ Daily Sun – [Dirty air from global trade kills at home and abroad](#)

Watertown Daily Times - [Remediation of 10-million gallon lagoon begins at former GM site](#)

North Country Now - [Pollution settlement between St. Regis Mohawk Tribe and Alcoa, Reynolds and state to fund Akwesasne cultural projects](#)

Washington Post – [New EPA documents reveal even deeper proposed cuts to staff and programs](#)

AZ Central – [Navajo Nation officials want President Donald Trump to subsidize Kayenta Mine, power plant](#)

E&E News - [EPA continues 9th Circuit winning streak over Ariz. haze plan](#)

EPA News Releases – [EPA Administrator Sends Clean Power Plan Guidance Letter to Governors](#)

The Daily Mail – [Air Pollution in cities shrinks the brains of older men and damages their reasoning and language skills](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

NY Times – [Planned Rollback of Climate Rules Unlikely to Achieve All Trump's Goals](#)

Alaska Dispatch News - [Controversial Chitna coal mine 'shelved' after investor backs out](#)

Fox News Montana - [Northern Cheyenne Tribe takes on Trump's decision to lift coal moratorium](#)

Washington Post – [Trump aims deep cuts at energy agency that helped make solar power affordable](#)

Scientific American - [EPA Proposal Cuts Hundreds of Climate Change Employees](#)

NPR – [China Poised To Fill Leadership Void on Climate Policy – With Economic Incentives](#)

NPR – [Climate-Friendly Coal Technology Works But Is Proving Difficult To Scale Up](#)

Huffington Post - [Climate Change Could Have a Serious Impact on Mental Health: Report](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

NY Times – [E.P.A. Chief, Rejecting Agency's Science, Chooses Not to Ban Insecticide](#)

E&E News - [EPA cuts threaten to 'shut down' vehicle lab](#)

Native Sun News Today – [Pipeline permit causes avalanche of scorn in Indian Country](#)

AP – [Dakota Access Fight Provides Blueprint for Pipeline Protests](#)

KNAU - [Uranium Leaves Legacy of Contamination for Navajo Nation](#)

The Detroit News - [VW agrees to pay \\$157M to 10 states over rigged diesels](#)

Indoor Air Quality

International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics - [Study: Women more likely to be exposed to indoor air pollution](#)

Photos from the field

IAQ Training a success!



Photo credit: Nelson Smith

EPA and ITEP Staff conducted a Healthy Homes training last week that focused on Tribal Housing Staff in partnership with Tribal Environmental Staff. The training was hosted by Enterprise Rancheria in Oroville California. The 3-day course included 4 home assessments, Building Science, Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and many other topics.

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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!

2017 STAR Work Group: Help NTAA draft and publish the next Status of Tribal Air Report. <i>Tribal photos wanted for 2017 STAR. Please submit to NTAA staff Elaine Wilson at Elaine.Wilson@nau.edu</i>	Wednesday, April 5 at 4pm ET, and on the following Wednesdays at 2pm ET: April 12, and April 19
National Tribal Forum on Air Quality Planning Call: Open to all planning committee members: Contact andy.bessler@nau.edu for the call-in number	Wednesday, April 5, 2pm ET
IAQ call: Open to anyone who would like to be involved with the Indoor Air Quality work group	Thursday, April 6, 2pm ET
NTAA EC Call: Monthly NTAA Executive Committee update call	Monday, April 10, 2pm ET
Volkswagen Work Group Call: Discuss the latest developments in the VW Settlement	Thursday, April 20, 2pm ET
NTAA/EPA Policy Call: Receive program updates from the offices at EPA	Thursday, April 27, 2pm ET

Please join the BIA Climate Change program for a web presentation and discussion on the Tribal and Indigenous Peoples' Chapter of the 4th National Climate Assessment, April 11, 2pm Eastern.

Register [here](#). Please feel free to forward to your networks!

Background: The National Climate Assessment (NCA) is an ongoing project of the US Global Change Research Program (US GCRP) to document and summarize the impacts of climate on the United States, both current and future. The 3rd Climate Assessment was completed in 2014 and included a chapter specifically on issues faced by tribes (Indigenous Peoples, Lands, and Resources Chapter – available here: <http://nca2014.globalchange.gov/report/sectors/indigenous-peoples#intro-section>).

The coordinating lead authors for this chapter (from EPA and BIA) began planning and outreach in 2016 for this chapter of the Fourth NCA. In 2017 we assembled a writing team and are in the process of drafting the Chapter. Please join us for an overview and discussion of the current progress and help shape the next Tribal and Indigenous Peoples Chapter of the Fourth NCA.

Registration for the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ) is now open! The National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ) provides an opportunity to meet, exchange ideas, and discuss current topics relevant to tribes in air quality and climate change. [Click here for all details and registration.](#)

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.

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 AIAQTP Course Schedule](#)

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

Course Title	Dates	Location
2017		
Introduction to Tribal Air Quality	June 6-9	Flagstaff, AZ
Quality Assurance (QA) Fundamentals	Open	Online
Building Performance: Improving Energy Efficiency & IAQ in Cold Climates	Open	Online
Radon Fundamentals	Open	Online
Emissions Inventory - Fundamentals	Closed	Online
Emissions Inventory - Advanced	Closed	Online

Wildfire and Air Quality	Dates TBD	Online
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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](#).

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Toxic / Mobile Sources

The National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA) has established a [repository for state and local agency information and links](#) pertaining to the Volkswagen (VW) settlement and the Mitigation Trust Fund. The information accessible from the repository includes state and local agency webpages, public outreach materials, drafts of documents, etc.

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RESOURCES

Now Hiring!

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is hiring a OjGIS Technician ~ DRM ~ \$14-17 D.O.Q.

Will assist in maintaining, editing and creating the DRM's geospatial database. Along with contributing to building the DRM's database, the Technician will assist the GIS Specialist and DRM staff with various geospatial projects.

Education/Experience: Completed an Associate's Degree or working towards a Bachelor's Degree in GIS or Geography, Natural Resources, Environmental Sciences or similar degree with GIS emphasis.

Duties/Responsibilities: Build land records utilizing ArcGIS Software from land legal descriptions. Correct or create land legal descriptions. Produce basic maps utilizing ArcGIS Software for DRM staff. Assist DRM staff with geospatial questions and projects. For more information, [click here](#). Position closes April 7.

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is hiring a GIS Specialist/Database Manager ~ DRM ~ \$17-24 D.O.Q.

Provide oversight of the GIS program for the Division of Resource Management, this will include providing GIS services for the DRM, managing the GIS database and providing assistance and training for DRM staff.

Education/Experience: Bachelor's Degree in geography, computer science, environmental science or biology with an emphasis on GIS. Two years' experience in resource management preferred. One year of experience in a position that utilizes job skills outlined in job description. Experience providing GIS support and training.

Duties/Responsibilities: Provide technical support (GIS/GPS) to LLDRM Departments. Coordinate with MIS Department concerning GIS files on server. Build and manage centralized GIS databases for the integration of LLDRM activities and decision-making, includes spatial and tabular data currently in various forms. For more information, [click here](#). Position closes April 7.

The 1854 Treaty Authority located in Duluth, MN is hiring an [Invasive Species Aide](#) and a [Fish and Wildlife Aide](#). Have the time of your life on an electrofishing boat, enjoy every day outdoors conducting surveys, and beef up your resume with an enormous amount of experience with our fish and wildlife management and research programs! Applications are due Friday April 7th.

BIA Student Internship Job Announcements

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Office of Trust Services (OTS) is continually seeking scientists and technicians in a range of STEM-related disciplines to protect, conserve, utilize, and manage Indian forest and agricultural lands and resources, including water and power. BIA is recruiting for several internship positions working across various Agriculture and Rangeland Management or Forestry and Wildland Fire Management programs. Students can intern with the BIA or with a tribal related program. Intern job vacancy announcements are posted to USAJOBS and can be found at www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads.

King County Department of Natural Resources, Water, and Land Resources is recruiting staff for the summer to support King County's stream benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring program. This opportunity is for a few months in the

summer and would be ideal for someone in college or starting out in their career to get some experience in benthic macroinvertebrate sampling in a robust and well-established monitoring program. Contact Deb Lester for more information:

Deborah.Lester@kingcounty.gov

Tamarisk Coalition hiring Restoration Coordinator Position

Deadline to apply is April 17, 2017

More information [here](#) and [here](#).

Quinault Indian Nation is seeking a Fire Management Officer/Fire Chief

This position is responsible for the planning, programming, administration, development, coordination, and supervision of the Fire/Fuels Program for the Quinault Indian Reservation. This includes both wildland fire and structure fire. Duties include, but are not limited to fire preparedness, fire prevention, fire operations, dispatch to off-site fires, mechanical site preparation, prescribed fire, budgets, payroll, support action fires, fire rehabilitation, and wildland/structure firefighting and training.

A Quinault Indian Nation application must be received by COB on 4/20/2017. Go to <http://quinaultindiannation.com/jobs.htm> for the job description, application form and instructions or contact Misty Schmidt, Human Resources, at 360-276-8215 ext4611. For further information, please contact Jim Plampin at 360-276-8215, ext. 290 or jplampin@quinault.org

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Native Youth Community Adaptation and Leadership Congress is now accepting applications for its July 9-15 conference. Native American, Alaskan Native, and Pacific Islander students in grades 10-12 are encouraged to apply. The application deadline is **April 7, 2017**. [Get more information here.](#)

Children's Wood Smoke Activity Book

EPA Region 10, with the help of the Burn Wise Alaska program in the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and Carolyn Kelly of the Quinault Indian Tribe, recently published a children's activity book related to wood smoke that is relevant to Tribes across the country. Children can read the story about best burning practices, color the pictures, and do the activities included in the book.

You can find the Wood Smoke Activity Book on the national EPA Burn Wise website: <https://www.epa.gov/burnwise/wood-smoke-activity-book>.

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

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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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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HUD's Indian Community Development Block Grant Program

Closing date for Applications: May 18, 2017

The purpose of the ICDBG program is the development of viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes as defined in 24 CFR 1003.4.

More information can be found [here](#).

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Most Recent Listing: EPA Rules from the Federal Register

There are no contents of the Federal Register for Wednesday, April 5, 2017. (Past copies can be accessed [here](#)).

Notice

Pesticide Tolerances: Chlorpyrifos

FR Document: [2017-06777](#) Citation: 82 FR 16581 [PDF](#) Pages 16581-16592 (12 pages) [Permalink](#)

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