



# NTAA Weekly Update

*Week of April 24 – April 28, 2023*

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**NTFAQ 2023**  
**NATIONAL TRIBAL**  
**FORUM ON AIR QUALITY**

May 1, 2023 - May 4, 2023  
Gila River Resorts & Casinos Wild Horse Pass

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**Registration Now OPEN!**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**



**Daniel R. Wildcat (Muscogee Nation)**  
*Indigenous & American Indian Studies faculty member at Haskell  
Indian Nations University*

In 1994 he helped form a partnership with the Hazardous Substance Research Center at Kansas State University to create the Haskell Environmental Research Studies (HERS) Center as a non-profit Native American research center to facilitate:

- Technology transfer to tribal governments and Native communities
- Transfer of accurate environmental information to tribes
- Research opportunities to tribal college faculty and students throughout the United States.

**Support and become a SPONSOR for NTFAQ.**  
**Opportunities are available at various levels.**



[nau.edu/NTFAQ2023](http://nau.edu/NTFAQ2023) #NTFAQ2023

The 2023 NTFAQ is less than a week away! We look forward to seeing everyone at Gila River Indian Community's Wild Horse Pass!



[Registration](#) is now open for the 2023 Tribal Lands and Environment Forum! Visit the 2023 TLEF website to register. From there, you can also make your [hotel reservation](#) at our host hotel at a special rate. Have a presentation idea? We are still [accepting session proposals](#) through **May 19**.

We are using a new registration system this year, hosted by Northern Arizona University Ticketing Office, that is different from past TLEFs. So please read the instructions carefully. We will also be opening up submissions soon for those interested in sponsoring this year's TLEF or being an exhibitor. If you know any groups or companies that might like to either help sponsor this event, or be an exhibitor, please steer them toward the website and let them know we'll have that information soon.

As a reminder, this TLEF will be hybrid – you can attend either virtually or in person. However, you decide to join us, we look forward to seeing you this August!

## ***Top Stories***

EPA - [Funding for Tribes in the Inflation Reduction Act](#)

EPA - [EPA Releases Framework for the Implementation of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund as Part of President Biden's Investing in America Agenda](#)

NACAA Washington Update - [This Week in Review](#)

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

Inside Climate News - [As Extreme Fires Multiply, California Scientists Zero In on How Smoke Affects Pregnancy and Children](#)

American Lung Association - [ALA Releases its State of the Air Report](#)

Medical Press - [Poor air quality linked to cognitive problems in babies](#)

## **Toxics/Mobile Sources**

electrek - [CA hits EV target ahead of schedule. It's not the first place to do so, and won't be the last](#)

CleanTechnica - [Insurmountable Obstacles To Mass EV Adoption? Think Again](#)

## **Indoor Air Quality/Environmental Justice**

The Hill - [Majority of adults have been personally affected by extreme weather, climate change: poll](#)

The Hill - [Biden establishes Office of Environmental Justice, blasts GOP attempts to roll back IRA](#)

E&E News - [Biden order tackles environmental justice](#)

## **UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES/NOTICES!**

### **NTAA Upcoming Calls**

Contact [Carolyn.Kelly@nau.edu](mailto:Carolyn.Kelly@nau.edu) if you have any questions about any call. A Zoom link will be sent with calendar invites for future NTAA work group calls.

<b>Woodsmoke Work Group:</b> This work group meets Bi-Monthly and includes Tribal and EPA professionals with an interest in woodsmoke issues in Tribal communities. Contact <a href="mailto:Carolyn.Kelly@nau.edu">Carolyn.Kelly@nau.edu</a> to join the call!	Thursday, May 11, 10 am AK or 2 pm ET
<b>Mobile Sources Work Group:</b> This work group meets Bi-Monthly and includes Tribal and EPA professionals with an interest in mobile source issues in Tribal communities. Contact <a href="mailto:Carolyn.Kelly@nau.edu">Carolyn.Kelly@nau.edu</a> to join the call!	Thursday, June 1, 10 am AK or 2 pm ET
<b>Alaska Air Work Group:</b> Join this work group to hear updates from EPA and Alaskans working on air quality. Contact <a href="mailto:Carolyn.Kelly@nau.edu">Carolyn.Kelly@nau.edu</a> to join the call!	TBD, 10 am AK or 2 pm ET
<b>NTAA / EPA Air Policy Update Call:</b> Join this monthly meeting to hear updates from EPA on important air quality and climate policy updates as well as updates around the country related to Tribal Air Programs. Calls are held on the last Thursday of every month unless it falls on a holiday. Contact <a href="mailto:Carolyn.Kelly@nau.edu">Carolyn.Kelly@nau.edu</a> to join the call!	Thursday, April 27, 10 am AK or 2 pm ET
<b>Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Work Group:</b> This work group meets Bi-Monthly and includes Tribal and EPA professionals with an interest in indoor air quality in Tribal homes and other buildings. <a href="mailto:Carolyn.Kelly@nau.edu">Carolyn.Kelly@nau.edu</a> to join the call!	Thursday, June 8, 10 am AK or 2 pm ET

### **The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)**

[Click Here](#) for ITEP's new Tribal Environmental Management and Planning Online Courses. Sign up for a self-paced course hosted by ITEP's Waste and Response and Tribal Air Quality programs.

ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program (AIAQTP) hosts the Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Cold Climates, Residential Building Science Review, Radon Fundamentals, Quality Assurance Fundamental, Writing a Quality Assurance Project Plan, Emissions Inventory Fundamentals, and Emissions Inventory Advanced.

[AIAQTP Schedule and Registration](#)

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

**NEW!** The EPA OAQPS AirKnowledge team is pleased to announce the availability of new AirKnowledge air quality training materials!

The new materials include:

- A self-instructional (e-learning) course that explains the health and environmental effects of air pollutants,
- A self-instructional (e-learning) course that explains key concepts relating to air toxics, and
- A self-instructional (e-learning) course that provides an overview of the framework for human health air toxics risk assessments.

The e-learning courses are available to tribal, state, and local air agencies through the AirKnowledge Learning Management System (LMS) at:

<https://epaapti.csod.com/client/epaapti/default.aspx>. To access the courses on the LMS, tribal, state and local air agencies and tribal and multijurisdictional organizations can register, log in, and refer to the "What's New" section on the home page. The materials are available to all other users on the AirKnowledge website: [airknowledge.gov](http://airknowledge.gov)

These new materials replace the following legacy courses, which have been retired from the AirKnowledge inventory:

- BASC106-SI: Basic Concepts in Environmental Sciences (formerly APTI RE-100)
- TOXC101-CI: Introduction to Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) (formerly APTI 400)
- TOXC103-SI: Risk-Based Air Toxics (formerly APTI SI-401)
- TOXC104-SI: Introduction to Air Pollution Toxicology (formerly APTI SI-300)
- TOXC107-SI: Risk Assessment (formerly APTI SI-400A)

In addition, two legacy courses for new hires have been retired from the AirKnowledge inventory:

- BASC101-SI: Introduction to Air Pollution Control (formerly APTI SI-105) – this course has been replaced by the new e-learning course for new hires BASC198-SI: Air Quality Management Under the Clean Air Act; available now!
- BASC197-CI: Principles and Practices of Air Pollution (formerly APTI 452) – this course will be replaced by a new instructor-led course for new hires BASC199-CI/VI: Air Quality Management Under the Clean Air Act; new course expected by 2024!

### **REMINDER! Methane Emissions Reduction Program Listening Sessions**

EPA is hosting upcoming virtual listening sessions on the financial and technical assistance provisions of the Methane Emissions Reduction Program, a new \$1.55 billion program authorized by the Inflation Reduction Act, which aims to accelerate the reduction of methane and other greenhouse gas emissions from oil and gas systems.

The Methane Emissions Reduction Program will reduce methane emissions by offering financial assistance, which may include grants, rebates, contracts, and loans, and technical assistance to a



broad range of eligible recipients, with at least \$700 million used for activities at marginal conventional wells. During these listening sessions, EPA will provide interested parties an opportunity to offer feedback on program design and best use of funds with a focus on near-term, high-priority activities.

#### *Listening Session Details*

The Methane Emissions Reduction Program virtual listening sessions will be held via Zoom on May 2, 3, and 9. All are welcome to attend. Specific session times and topics are as follows:

- Tuesday, May 2, 4:00 - 6:00 PM ET: Listening Session for General Audiences
- Wednesday, May 3, 1:00 - 3:00 PM ET: Listening Session for State and Local Governments
- Wednesday, May 3, 4:00 - 6:00 PM ET: Listening Session for Non-Governmental Organizations, Community and Environmental Justice Groups
- Tuesday, May 9, 1:00 - 3:00 PM ET: Listening Session for Tribal Governments
- Tuesday, May 9, 4:00 - 6:00 PM ET: Listening Session for Industry, Small Businesses, and Labor Groups

The virtual listening sessions will provide the public with an opportunity to share comments on the design and implementation of the financial and technical assistance. Those interested in making oral comments must register in advance for a 3-minute speaking slot. Interpretation and disability access support will be provided if requested in advance. Registration for the listening sessions can be found on EPA's website at:

<https://www.epa.gov/inflation-reduction-act/forms/methane-emissions-reduction-program-listening-sessions>

**REMINDER! April 12, 2023, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Michael Regan announced new, more ambitious proposed standards to further reduce harmful air pollutant emissions from light-duty, medium-duty, and heavy-duty vehicles starting with model year 2027 in two separate regulatory actions:**

- [Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Years 2027 and Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles](#)
- [Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Heavy-Duty Vehicles – Phase 3](#)

Given the potential interest by Tribal governments, the Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ) we will be offering virtual information sessions on the proposed rule through upcoming regularly scheduled calls hosted by the National Tribal Air Association. If your Tribe has questions about the proposed rule or would like to engage in individualized government-to-government consultation with EPA, **please contact Jessie Mroz at (202)-564-1094 or email at [Mroz.Jessica@epa.gov](mailto:Mroz.Jessica@epa.gov).**

**More information on today's proposals can be found on EPA's website:**

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/biden-harris-administration-proposes-strongest-ever-pollution-standards-cars-and>

#### **REMINDER! 2023 Tribal Environmental Health Forum**

Elevating Traditional Knowledge to Achieve Environmental Health Justice in Indigenous Communities

Announcing the Southwest Environmental Health Science Center's 4th Tribal Environmental Health Forum! This forum is a chance for Tribal Environmental Health Professionals and

University faculty and staff to come together to address the current and future environmental health needs of our tribal communities. This forum will offer the chance for participants to hear from guest speakers, participate in workshops and network with other environmental health professionals.

**When:** Tuesday, May 16th - Wednesday, May 17th, 2023

**Where:** Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino Events Center

15406 N Maricopa Rd, Maricopa, AZ 85139

**Who Should Attend:** Tribal Leadership and Community Members, University faculty and staff, Tribal Environmental and Health Care Professionals, and Students Interested in Environmental Health

**Sponsored by:** The Indigenous Resilience (IRes) Center

**Collaborative Partners:** The Ak-Chin Indian Community, Gila River Indian Community, the Tohono O'odham Nation, Pascua Yaqui Tribe, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, and the Southwest Environmental Health Sciences Center at the R. Ken Coit College of Pharmacy, University of Arizona

**Cost:** Attendance is free, but attendees are responsible for travel and hotel costs if needed. Information about hotel accommodation can be found in the hotel tab.

Please complete the registration to mark your intentions for attending on one or both days.

**Link for registration:** <https://events.trellis.arizona.edu/en/f441Nu67/2023-tribal-environmental-health-forum-5a3U3n98JK5/overview>

Room blocks have been reserved and information for hotel reservations will be provided upon completion of the registration.

**Link to make hotel reservation:**

<https://www.caesars.com/book/?propCode=AKC&action=FindRooms&groupcode=S05TEH3>

**REMINDER! Nominations for candidates to participate on the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee are open!**

Currently there are 2 Tribal Representatives on the Committee, Jeremy Fincher – Sac and Fox Nation, and Elizabeth Jacobs – Akwesasne Housing Authority. Natalene Cummings – Forest County Potawatomi Community, will complete the 3rd, 2-year term that is permitted at the Spring meeting of this year.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites nominations from a diverse range of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to its Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC). Vacancies are anticipated to be filled by August 2023. Sources in addition to this Federal Register Notice may also be utilized in the solicitation of nominees.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit nominations in writing to: Lorraine Reddick, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20460. **The nomination period has been extended through **April 30<sup>th</sup>**. Electronic and mailed applications must be received by that date.**

**For further information or to email nominations**, include in the subject line CAAAC Membership 2023 and send to [caaac@epa.gov](mailto:caaac@epa.gov).

To talk with Natalene more about what being a member of CAAAC involves, you can reach her at 715-478-7211.

**REMINDER! Tribal Nominations for the Good Neighbor Environmental Board (GNEB)**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency invites tribal nominations from a diverse range of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to its Good Neighbor Environmental Board (GNEB). Approximately ten vacancies are expected to be filled by Dec 2023.

GNEB is a federal advisory committee chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463. GNEB was created in 1992 by the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative Act, Public Law 102-532, 7 USC Section 5404. Implementing authority was delegated to the Administrator of EPA under Executive Order 12916. The GNEB is charged by statute with submitting an annual report to the President on the need for implementation of environmental and infrastructure projects within states of the US contiguous to Mexico.

**The following criteria will be used to evaluate nominees:**

- Representative of a sector or group that helps to shape border-region environmental policy or represents a group that is affected by border region environmental policy
- Has extensive professional knowledge and experience with the issues that the GNEB examines (i.e., environmental and infrastructure issues), including the bi-national dimension of these issues
- Demonstrates senior level experience that will bring a new and relevant approach to the board's deliberations
- Ability to work in a consensus building process with a wide range of representatives from diverse constituencies
- Ability to contribute approximately 10 to 15 hours per month to the GNEB's activities, including the attendance at meetings and participating in the development of advice letters/reports
- Demonstrate the potential for active and constructive involvement in the GNEB's work

For more information and instructions on how to apply, please visit:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2023/03/20/2023-05596/request-for-nominations-to-the-good-neighbor-environmental-board>

**REMINDER! The White House: FACT SHEET: How the Inflation Reduction Act Helps Tribal Communities**

By signing the Inflation Reduction Act, President Biden is delivering on his promise to meet the climate crisis and build an economy that works for working families, including Tribal nations and American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian families. The Inflation Reduction Act lowers prescription drug costs, health care costs, and energy costs. It's the most aggressive action we have taken to confront the climate crisis. It'll lower the deficit and ask the super wealthy and corporations to pay their fair share. And no one making under \$400,000 per year will pay a penny more in taxes. [Click Here for FACT SHEET.](#)

***Climate Change / Energy***

**REMINDER! Tribal Climate Planning & Climate Pollution Reduction Grants: Resources for Tribes**

**Wednesday, April 26, 2023**

10:00-11:30 pm (Alaska)

11:00-12:30 pm (Pacific/MST/AZ)

12:00-1:30 pm (MDT/NN)

1:00-2:30 pm (Central)

2:00-3:30 pm (Eastern)

Join us for this webinar which will emphasize how Tribes, specifically, can utilize Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) funds to create plans that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions including applying for future implementation grants. During the webinar, we will hear from Tribal guest speakers about projects they are considering applying the funds towards, as well as other resources and opportunities available to assist Tribes as they consider applying for



funds. For this webinar, ITEP has partnered with NDN Collective to get the word out about these important resources.

### **Confirmed Guest Speakers:**

- Robert Knapp, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe
- Jade Begay, NDN Collective
- Pat Childers, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

[Register Here](#)

### **The U.S. EPA Landfill Methane Outreach Program (LMOP) has published an enhanced National Map of Landfill Gas (LFG) Energy Projects and Municipal Solid Waste Landfills.**

The newly published version incorporates layers for Tribal lands and environmental justice demographic data so that users can identify areas where LFG energy projects may warrant additional consideration, analysis, or outreach to surrounding communities.

Link: <https://www.epa.gov/lmop/lmop-national-map>

## **Toxics/Mobile Sources**

**REMIDNER!** Opportunity to share your thoughts and experiences about school bus purchasing and electrification with the Electric School Bus Initiative.

<https://www.bobitresearchservices.com/c/r/wri23bus>

In appreciation for your time, they will send a \$25 electronic Amazon gift card to the first 250 respondents who qualify and complete this survey.\*

Start your brief survey now and be entered to win!

<https://www.bobitresearchservices.com/c/r/wri23bus>

[\\*Contest rules](#)

### **REMINDER! The Green Transportation & Summit Expo (GTSE)**

Tacoma, WA (Aug 22-24). For a three-day pass for tribes to attend GTSE (travel and lodging costs not included), use conference code: **DERA-TRIBES** For more information, go to: <https://www.gtsummitexpo.com/>. To be added to the Mobile Source Workgroup, send an email to [Carolyn.kelly@nau.edu](mailto:Carolyn.kelly@nau.edu)

### **REMINDER! The National Transportation in Indian Country Conference (NTICC) will be held in Anchorage, Alaska, Sept. 24-28, 2023**

The National Transportation in Indian Country Conference is the one-stop-shop transportation conference FOR TRIBES, BY TRIBES. NTICC offers access to relevant training and an opportunity for Tribal transportation professionals to engage with federal officials and their Tribal transportation peers regarding Tribal transportation issues and challenges.

NTICC provides information and resources for all who are committed to improving the transportation infrastructure of Indian Country and the safety of those who live, work, and travel the roadways of Alaska Native and Native American lands. For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.nticc.org/>

### **REMINDER! EPA’s Office of Emergency Management is offering training that would be of interest to people working on air quality issues related to emergency situations.**

Overview of Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure and Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) Software Suite Webinar for Tribal Partners

Participants should only register for one of the five offerings below, as all sessions will cover the same material. Please note whether times are listed in Eastern Standard Time (EST) or Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Registration</b>
August 24, 2023	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EDT	<a href="#">Register here</a>
September 7, 2023	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. EDT	<a href="#">Register here</a>
September 22, 2023	12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EDT	<a href="#">Register here</a>

This hour and a half, EPA-hosted session will provide a basic overview of the Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure oil spill prevention program and how the Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) software suite can be used to help communities prepare for and respond to chemical and oil spills. The session will also include a question-and-answer segment where participants can interact with the Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure national program manager and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act program coordinator that oversees the CAMEO software suite.

**Opportunity to provide input: the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is developing a proposed rulemaking to review the Clean Air Act (CAA) New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and Emission Guidelines (EG) for the Large Municipal Waste Combustors (LMWCs) source category (40 CFR part 60 subpart Eb, and 40 CFR part 60, subpart Cb, respectively).** Pursuant to the [EPA's Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes](#), the Agency is initiating pre-proposal consultation with federally recognized Indian tribes to obtain input on the upcoming action to update regulatory requirements for the Large Municipal Waste Combustors (LMWCs). **Tribes may submit OFFICE OF AIR QUALITY PLANNING AND STANDARDS written comments at <https://www.regulations.gov/> Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2022-0920, any time during the pre-proposal tribal consultation process and until **June 6, 2023**.** If there are any questions, please email Charlene Spells at [Spells.Charlene@epa.gov](mailto:Spells.Charlene@epa.gov) Additional background information about the air regulations for LMWCs can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/large-municipal-waste-combustors-lmwc-new-source-performance>

## ***Indoor Air Quality***

### **REMINDER! Listening Session for the Inflation Reduction Act's Funding to Address Air Pollution at Schools**

EPA is holding the second of two listening sessions in April to get input on the design of a new grant and technical assistance program funded by the Inflation Reduction Act to address air pollution at schools. **Register for the webinar below** to hear a high-level overview of the Funding to Address Air Pollution at Schools and to offer feedback on how EPA can best address school air quality issues in low-income and disadvantaged communities with this funding. EPA will give the same presentation in both webinars.

**[Register Now for Option 2: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 | 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM ET](#)**

[Learn more about other children's health grants and funding opportunities.](#)

### **Notice of Intent - DOE Grants for Energy Improvements at Public School Facilities - \$80 million**

**Deadline: Available until expended.** Eligible Entities: Consortium of One Local Education Agency and one or more Schools, Non-Profits, For-Profits, and Community Partners

This funding is the first tranche of funding in a \$500 million investment, to make clean energy improvements in K-12 public schools. Funds will empower school districts to make upgrades that will lower facilities' energy costs and improve student learning environments. Visit [HERE](#) for more information.

Be sure to subscribe to [CodeTalk](#), HUD's Office of Native American Programs newsletter, for webinars and opportunities!

## ***Environmental Justice***

**REMINDER! Deadlines Extended: Request for Applications and Request for Information**  
EPA has extended the deadline for one Request for Applications (RFA). Deadline has been extended on the RFA to encourage additional applications from eligible entities.

The new [Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking \(EJ TCGM\) Program's](#) RFA is open until **May 31, 2023**.

To learn more about Environmental Justice grants and technical assistance, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-grants-funding-and-technical-assistance>.

For up-to-date information about Environmental Justice funding opportunities, events, and webinars, subscribe to EPA's Environmental Justice listserv by sending a blank email to: [join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov](mailto:join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov). Follow us on Twitter: [@EPAEnvJustice](https://twitter.com/EPAEnvJustice)

Para recibir información actualizada sobre oportunidades de financiamiento de Justicia Ambiental, eventos y seminarios web, suscríbese al listserve de Justicia Ambiental de la EPA enviando un mensaje en blanco de correo electrónico a: [join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov](mailto:join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov). Síguenos en Twitter: [@EPAEnvJustice](https://twitter.com/EPAEnvJustice).

## **NOW HIRING!**

**NEW! The following vacancy announcement posted today 04/24/2023 on USAJOBS. You may view the announcement from the following link below:**  
[USAJOBS - Job Announcement](#)

Title: Environmental Protection Specialist  
Series and Grade Announced: GS/0028/7/9  
Promotional Potential: 12  
Location of Position: Durham, NC  
Position Type: Permanent  
Opening Date: 04/24/2023  
Closing Date: 05/01/2023  
Number of vacancies 2

**REMINDER! The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has a dynamic Environmental Programs and currently has job vacancies.** The Tribe is seeking environmental professionals in Air Quality and Water Quality. The Tribe offers exciting pay and benefits packages and currently has full-time positions available in:

Water Quality Specialist – Animas River Coordinator

Air Quality Planner  
Senior Air Quality Compliance Specialist  
Assistant Environmental Programs Manager

To learn more about these positions including job duties and requirements and salary opportunities, go to <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/careers/> and search for these position postings under Careers Portal – Southern Ute Tribal Government.

**REMINDER! Your Opportunity to Restore Ecosystems and Connect Cultures!**

**Anticipated term June 2023-May 2025**

**Request for Proposals -** Seeking one individual or firm to assume responsibilities of the MCDA Executive Director, subcontracting with additional capacity as needed to fulfill administrative, funding, and programmatic needs of the organization for the next two years.

An exciting opportunity to enhance the development of the Maliseet Community Development Authority as a leader in regional ecosystem management, while spearheading its signature Wolastoq-St. John Watershed Restoration Program. [MCDA RFP-3-27-23.pdf \(maliseets.net\)](https://www.maliseets.net/MCDA-RFP-3-27-23.pdf)

**REMINDER! The following positions are open for the Prairie Island Indian Community**

Applications can be found on their website under Employment & Opportunities

<http://www.prairieisland.org>

Food Systems Specialist  
Water Resources Specialist

**REMINDER! The Department of Religious Studies is hiring an 1855 professorship in the position of Great Lakes Anishinaabe Knowledge, Spiritualities, and Cultural Practices.**

*Applications closes: July 8, 2024, | [Click Here](#) for Full Job Description*

The Department of Religious Studies is hiring an 1855 professorship in the position of Great Lakes Anishinaabe Knowledge, Spiritualities, and Cultural Practices. We seek a scholar with a focus on Anishinaabe communities, and more broadly, Great Lakes Native American cultures. The scholar's areas of interest should include Anishinaabe worldviews, ceremony, knowledge systems, and communal cultural practices in the context of colonialisms, resistance, resiliency, and sovereignty. The specific area of focus is open with preference to knowledge of traditions of Anishinaabe communities, and more broadly, Native American communities. We are particularly interested in scholars whose work and teaching complement cross-university strengths in environmental practices, North American Indigenous Law, communal health and wellness, and social justice. In keeping with our land-grant mission, we seek a scholar engaged in public-facing conversations about how contemporary Native American knowledge, language, spiritualities, and culture can inform larger discussions around law, public policy, land stewardship, resource management, community health and wellbeing, Tribal governance, museum collections and archives, and environmental justice movements.

## **RESOURCES & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES!**

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

#### **EPA Resource: EPA's Tracking Matrix**

Does your community have climate goals to meet or brownfields that might be suitable for solar? Check out [EPA's Tracking Matrix](#) to learn more about geothermal, biomass, solar and

wind installations being built on contaminated lands across the country. EPA's RE-Powering America's Land Initiative 2022 [Tracking Matrix](#) shows current trends in the development of renewable energy on contaminated lands. Project examples include successful community solar projects in Nashville, Tennessee; Schenectady County, New York; Morrisville, Vermont; and Spanish Fork, Utah.

### **Department of Energy (DOE) Announces \$32 Million to Reduce Methane Emissions from Oil and Gas Sector**

All interested applicants must register and submit application materials through [Fed Connect](#); [register here](#) for an account. All questions must be submitted through FedConnect.

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

**NEW! FREE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCE FOR TRIBES!** The Environmental Protection Network (EPN), comprised of over 550 EPA alumni staff and volunteers, provides free consulting services, organizational support, and help accessing foundation and government funding.

AIEO and EPN have an MOU that is focused on helping tribes to address their climate adaptation priorities. Tribes have told us that technical assistance to address their climate priorities is much needed, and ranges from interpreting scientific data or requests for proposals to developing vulnerability assessments and integrating climate resiliency into an infrastructure project. EPN can help, at no cost to the tribe!

And while climate is a much needed and welcomed focus area, the great news is that the technical assistance available from EPN isn't limited to climate adaptation and this MOU!

For more information, please reach out to Davina Resto, EPN Community Outreach Associate, at [Davina.Resto@environmentalprotectionnetwork.org](mailto:Davina.Resto@environmentalprotectionnetwork.org)

**EPA Resource:** EPA is pleased to announce that we have updated our [Local Greenhouse Gas Inventory Tool](#) and our [Tribal Greenhouse Gas Inventory Tool](#).

#### **Updates include:**

- Revised Emissions & Generation Resource Integrated Database (eGRID) factors from through 2020, as available.
- Updated default stationary energy emission factors and heat contents from the latest Climate Registry, EPA GHG Emissions Factor Hub, and US Inventory publications.
- Global Warming Potential (GWP) values are now editable on the Factors tab. The bottom of the Control Sheet tab also contains new guidance on updating the GWP values and a navigation button to the GWP Entry section on the Factors tab.

Download the updated [local community and government operations tool and users' guides](#).  
Download the updated [tribal community and government operations tool and users' guides](#).

Find our State Inventory and Projection Tool and additional State and Tribal greenhouse gas data and resources [here](#).



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

### **U.S. Department of Energy: Electric Vehicles with Final Assembly in North America**

The Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 ([Public Law 117-169](#)) amended the Qualified Plug-in Electric Drive Motor Vehicle Credit ([IRC 30D](#)), now known as the Clean Vehicle Credit, and added a new requirement for final assembly in North America that took effect on August 17, 2022. For more details on the credit, see [Electric Vehicle \(EV\) and Fuel Cell Electric Vehicle \(FCEV\) Tax Credit](#). Also see the full list of [alternative fuel vehicle incentives](#) amended or created by the Inflation Reduction Act. [Click Here](#) for more information.

## ***Indoor Air Quality***

### **Resource for Healthy Indoor Air Quality:**

Check out the website <https://forhealth.org/> for many resources related to healthy homes and indoor air quality!

**The Tribal Healthy Homes Network (THHN) has a webpage dedicated to [Funding Opportunities](#)!** Additionally, THHN has developed a [Funding Guide for American Indian and Alaska Native Communities](#).

## ***Environmental Justice***

### **[Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaking \(EJ TCGM\)](#)**

The EJ TCGM program will fund up to 11 entities to serve as Grantmakers to community-based projects that reduce pollution. Selected Grantmakers will design competitive application and submission processes, award environmental justice subgrants, implement a tracking and reporting system, provide resources and support to communities.

The entities eligible to apply under this Request for Applications (RFA) and serve as an Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Grantmaker fall into four categories. They include:

- A community-based nonprofit organization.
- A partnership of community-based nonprofit organizations.
- A partnership between a Tribal Nation and a community-based nonprofit organization; or,
- A partnership between an institution of higher education and a community-based nonprofit organization.

**Application packages must be submitted on or before May 31, 2023.**

[More information on the Inflation Reduction Act.](#)

[More information about the EPA's Children's Environmental Health Grants.](#)

## ***Newsletters, Calendars, and Recorded Webinars***

Join NCAI's [Climate Action email](#) listserv here!

Sign up for the [Alliance for Green Heat](#)'s newsletter!

To view and/or receive [ITEP's Climate Change newsletter, click here!](#)

ITEP's [Tribal Air Quality Media Space Channel](#). Recent webinars include an Introduction to Air Quality Programs, Emissions Inventories, Remote Professional Assistance, and Woodstoves in Indian Country. Older classics include a series on Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke, Tribal Air Program and Grants, Data Management, and the Clean Air Act.

ITEP's [Tribes and Climate Change Calendar](#) includes conferences, trainings, webinars, and other events related to Tribes and climate change.

ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program newsletter, [Native Voices](#)

### **EPA Tools and Resources Webinar Series**

Click [here](#) to see all past and upcoming webinars hosted by the EPA.

### **Information for IRA and other competitive grants**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8DsRrod7XKk>

*EPA Rules from the Federal Register can be found here:*

<https://www.federalregister.gov/agencies/environmental-protection-agency>

### **EPA's Community and Tribal Programs Group - [Tribal Actions and Events calendar](#)**

This calendar is also linked under the "Tribal Air and Climate Resources" webpage under the "Policy and Planning" heading available at <https://www.epa.gov/tribal-air>. The purpose of the calendar is to ensure that our Tribal partners are kept apprised of EPA activities that are relevant to them. If you have any questions about the calendars or any recommendations on how EPA can improve upon the calendars, please do not hesitate to reach out to Amanda Kaufman ([Kaufman.Amanda@epa.gov](mailto:Kaufman.Amanda@epa.gov)) with any feedback.

To view and/or receive ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program newsletter, [Native Voices, click here!](#)

### **Recorded Webinars**

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## **OLDER UPDATES!**

### **Updated Version of EPA's Air Sensor Guidebook Released!**

Recognizing the ever-increasing availability of air sensors, expanding user base, and growing scientific knowledge, the U.S. EPA updated the popular Air Sensor Guidebook, originally published in 2014. The refreshed version, called "*The Enhanced Air Sensor Guidebook*", includes updated content and new topics that incorporate best practices, current knowledge, and recommendations to guide the use of air sensors.

The Enhanced Guidebook supports users in planning and collecting air quality measurements using air sensors. The Guidebook can help sensor users:

- Learn the basics of air quality, air pollution monitoring, and air sensors
- Plan and conduct an air quality monitoring study
- Select, setup, and use air sensors
- Analyze, interpret, communicate, and act on results
- Understand the basics of air sensor performance

[Find out more and access the Enhanced Air Sensor Guidebook.](#)

[Visit EPA's Air Sensor Toolbox.](#)

[Find out more about EPA's Air Research.](#)

### **Air Knowledge E–Learning Content**

The Air Knowledge training team is pleased to announce the availability of new air quality training materials!

These e-learning courses and modules are at the foundational learning level and are available to Tribal, state, and local air agencies through our learning management system (LMS) and to the public [here](#). The website was recently enhanced to provide additional self-instructional and instructor-led training materials.

The new materials include:

- A course that explains key historic events that led to air pollution control legislation and describes progress made with air pollution control since the passage of the Clean Air Act,
- A course that explains the basic components of state and Tribal implementation plans,
- A module that generally defines the transport and fate of air pollutants and how transport and fate are influenced by meteorology and topography,
- A module that explains the basic aspects of an air emissions inventory, and
- A module that explains the purposes and types of air emissions inventories, including the inventories that the EPA develops.

To access the courses and modules on the LMS (<https://epaapti.csod.com>), Tribal air agencies and organizations can register, log in, and refer to the “What’s New” section on the home page. All other users (the public, international community, academia, industry, EPA staff, etc.) can access the courses and modules on the Air Knowledge interim [website](#).

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