



NTAA Weekly Update

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INTERESTED IN HOSTING THE 2024 NTFAQ?



After another successful National Tribal Forum on Air Quality, planning is beginning again to make next year a great event as well. For more information on hosting the 2024 NTFAQ, email Carolyn.Kelly@nau.edu or Mehrdad.Khatibi@nau.edu



[Registration](#) is still 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.

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

AP News - [10 states plan to sue the EPA over standards for residential wood-burning stoves](#)

Clean Technica - [EPA must protect communities from sterilizer plants' carcinogenic emissions](#)

The Guardian - [Weather tracker: 100m people in US under air quality warnings as wildfires spread](#)

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

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/Tribes News

WWD - [EPA Could Stop Spray-applied Stain Guard Apparel From 'Being Manufactured at All'](#)

The Washington Post - [The EPA is racing to spend \\$27 billion the GOP wants to repeal](#)

CBS News - [EPA sued over reapproval of weed killers](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Reason Magazine - [Automotive Lobby: EPA's Vehicle Emission Standards 'Neither Reasonable Nor Achievable'](#)

The Drive - [How Does the EPA Determine EV Range?](#)

Greenwire - [5 things to watch as the EV tax credits take shape](#)

Indoor Air Quality/Environmental Justice

NY Times - [Can Indoor Air Quality Sensors Keep Offices Safe?](#)

CS - [How To Minimize Wildfire Impact on Indoor Air Quality \(IAQ\)](#)

Greenwire - [Supreme Court ruling entangles Biden's environmental justice efforts](#)

UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES/NOTICES!

NTAA Upcoming Calls

Contact 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.

Woodsmoke Work Group: This work group meets Bi-Monthly and includes Tribal and EPA professionals with an interest in woodsmoke issues in Tribal communities. Contact Carolyn.Kelly@nau.edu to join the call!	TBD, 10 am AK or 2 pm ET
Mobile Sources Work Group: This work group meets Bi-Monthly and includes Tribal and EPA professionals with an interest in mobile source issues in Tribal communities. Contact Carolyn.Kelly@nau.edu to join the call!	*Webinar* July 6, 10 am AK or 2 pm ET
Alaska Air Work Group: Join this work group to hear updates from EPA and Alaskans working on air quality. Contact Carolyn.Kelly@nau.edu to join the call!	Wednesday, July 26, 10 am AK or 2 pm ET
NTAA / EPA Air Policy Update Call: 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 Carolyn.Kelly@nau.edu to join the call!	Thursday, July 27, 10 am AK or 2 pm ET
Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Work Group: 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. Carolyn.Kelly@nau.edu to join the call!	Thursday, August 10, 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! Wildfires, News, Resources and Funding

The Community Wildfire Defense Program, or CWDG, is intended to help at-risk local communities and Tribes; plan for and reduce the risk of wildfire.

This program, which was authorized by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, prioritizes at-risk communities in an area identified as having high or very high wildfire hazard potential, are low-income, or have been impacted by a severe disaster that affects the risk of wildfire.

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/managing-land/fire/grants>

As the primary intertribal organization that supports the common goals of the majority of Indian Tribes with significant forested landscapes, the Intertribal Timber Council plays a vital role in addressing the threat posed by wildfire. On September 14, the Intertribal Timber Council and Interior Department announced the signing of a memorandum of understanding to improve collaboration on wildland fire management.

<https://www.doi.gov/wildlandfire/improving-wildland-fire-management-across-tribal-and-federal-lands>

In support of the mission, the Division of Wildland Fire Management (DWFM) provides wildland fire protection and ecosystem improvement to federal trust lands held in trust for federally recognized Tribes and individual Indians. The DWFM's support is implemented through direct services, cooperative agreements, self-determination, and self-governance, where applicable.

<https://www.bia.gov/bia/ots/dwfm>

REMINDER! EPA Invites Youth to Serve on Agency's First-Ever National Environmental Youth Advisory Council

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the formal establishment of the agency's first-ever National Environmental Youth Advisory Council (NEYAC). The NEYAC will provide independent advice and recommendations to Administrator Michael S. Regan on how to increase EPA's efforts to address a range of environmental issues as they relate to youth communities. The NEYAC will provide a critical perspective on how the impacts of climate change and other environmental harms affect youth communities. The Administrator announced his intent to launch the youth council last June at the Austrian World Summit.

EPA is soliciting applications for youth to fill 16 vacancies on the NEYAC. Selected applicants will contribute to a balance of perspectives, backgrounds, and experience of the council and will be appointed by the Administrator. As a first-of-its-kind committee, all members of NEYAC will be between the ages of 16 and 29.

As part of the agency's commitment to centering environmental justice communities, at least 50% of the overall membership of NEYAC will come from, reside primarily in, and/or do most of their work in disadvantaged communities as defined by the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST) as part of Justice40.

“We can't tackle the environmental challenges of our time without input from our younger communities, who've long been at the forefront of social movements,” **said EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan.** “This committee will help ensure that the voices and perspectives of our youth are included and valued in EPA's decision-making as we continue to advance President Biden's commitment to ensuring everyone in this country has access to clean air, safe water and healthy land, now and for generations to come.”

Applications to the NEYAC are due by August 22, 2023, at 11:59PM ET. To apply for appointment to the council, the below information is required:

1. Contact information
1. Resume **OR** short biography **OR** qualification essay
2. Statement of interest
3. Media Project

Visit the [EPA NEYAC webpage](#) for more information on the council and to apply.

EPA will be hosting another virtual application webinar where the public can ask EPA staff questions live. The webinar will be on Zoom and will be hosted at the following time:

Monday, August 7, 2023 @ 12PM – 1PM ET // [Register here](#)

REMINDER! 2023 Air Sensors Quality Assurance (QA) Workshop - July 25-27, 2023

The 2023 Air Sensors Quality Assurance (QA) Workshop will help the air sensor community better understand established and emerging QA methods for collecting accurate air sensor data and any associated limitations.

Registration: [The formal registration for the workshop is now open through the end of June!](#)
[Register Now!](#)

Note: All attendees must register through Whoava even if they previously filled out the pre-registration questionnaire.

Important Hotel Deadline: The \$115/night room rate is only available through June 23, 2023. Reserve Your Room Today!

Event Overview: The need for more accurate air sensor data is crucial as air agencies and other organizations rapidly install air sensor networks across the United States and the world. The 2023 Air Sensors Quality Assurance Workshop will help the air sensor community better understand established and emerging QA methods for collecting accurate air sensor data and any associated limitations. The workshop will be a 3-day hybrid event for both in-person and virtual attendees and presenters. Sessions will include presentations and panel discussions with various air sensor experts.

The preliminary agenda is now available and describes the general times, topics, and sessions for the workshop. View the [Preliminary Agenda](#).

REMINDER! EPA Grants Trainings Available!

EPA's Office of Grants and Debarment is pleased to announce the availability of several new and updated training resources for grant applicants and recipients.

- NEW—Learn how to [Register in SAM.gov and Grants.gov](#) to apply for EPA grants. This webpage will help you register your organization in SAM.gov, create an applicant profile in Grants.gov, and get familiar with using Workspace.
- The [How to Develop a Budget training](#) was recently updated. This course will help you prepare work plans, budgets, and budget narratives for EPA grants.
- The [EPA Grants Management Training for Applicants and Recipients](#) course introduces key aspects of the grant life cycle starting with preparing an application through closing out a grant. The six modules can be completed individually.

Reminder: Stay tuned to [EPA's Grants Webinars](#) schedule to register for upcoming webinars and access recordings, helpful links, and FAQs.

If you have any questions regarding these trainings or have suggestions for new training or webinar topics, please send an email to EPA_Grants_Info@epa.gov

REMINDER! Wildfire Smoke Air Monitoring Equipment Available for Loan to State, Local, and Tribal Agencies

In 2021, EPA's Office of Research and Development initiated the Wildfire Smoke Air Monitoring Response Technology (WSMART) Pilot, loaning air monitoring technologies to state, local, and tribal air organizations to support supplemental air monitoring in areas affected by wildfire smoke and with observational data coverage gaps.

During 2023, this pilot technology loan program will continue to provide several technology types – including stationary air sensor systems and a compact vehicle add-on mobile monitoring

system (VAMMS) – to state and local air agency monitoring staff and professional tribal air quality staff members upon request.

For more information and access to the loan request webform, please visit the WSMART website: <https://www.epa.gov/air-sensor-toolbox/wildfire-smoke-air-monitoring-response-technology-wsmart-pilot>

For technical questions, please contact smoketech@epa.gov.

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, contact **Jessie Mroz at (202)-564-1094** or

Mroz.Jessica@epa.gov.

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

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

NEW! The **Tribal Climate Change Guide** is a searchable database that features up-to-date information on available grants, adaptation plans, climate programs, and climate tools to assist Native peoples in addressing impacts of climate change on their communities and ways of life. The guide also features national events, climate job postings, education resources, publications, and a directory of climate change scientists.

<https://toolkit.climate.gov/tool/tribal-climate-change-guide>

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

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

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).

Date	Time	Registration
August 24, 2023	1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. EDT	Register here
September 7, 2023	3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. EDT	Register here
September 22, 2023	12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EDT	Register here

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.

Indoor Air Quality

REMINDER! Information Session for Wildfire Smoke Preparedness in Community Buildings Grant Program Recording and Q&A Now Available

EPA hosted an information session for potential applicants to the Wildfire Smoke Preparedness in Community Buildings grant program on April 10. During the webinar, EPA provided an overview of the Notice of Funding Opportunity and the application process.

The [webinar recording](#) is now posted on the funding opportunity webpage along with the slides from the webinar. Questions and answers from the webinar have also been added to the current Questions and Answers document on the webpage.

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! EPA Launches EJSCREEN 2.2, The Community Environmental Justice Mapping Tool & Trainings

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has updated [EJScreen](#), the Agency's publicly available environmental justice (EJ) screening and mapping tool. EJScreen 2.2 makes important improvements to better meet the needs of users, including a redesigned and enhanced report, a new environmental indicator with corresponding indexes, and refreshed demographic and environmental data.

EJScreen 2.2 provides updated reports which compile various datasets into one document to help users better understand the multiple factors that impact their community. It also includes a new environmental indicator on Toxic Releases to Air, as well as associated EJ and supplemental indexes. This new indicator quantifies the relative potential human health impacts from exposure of [Toxics Release Inventory \(TRI\)](#) chemicals into the air. More information on the new indicator can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen/overview-environmental-indicators-ejscreen>.

The main purpose of these annual EJScreen updates is to build in the newest available demographic and environmental datasets. The update uses the 2017-2021 American Community Survey demographic data from the U.S. Census and refreshed EPA data for the environmental indicators. Additionally, EJScreen 2.2 features new map layers on health disparities including cancer and persons with disabilities; critical service gaps on accessibility to housing, health insurance, transportation; and EPA regulated facilities that are currently or have been out of compliance with environmental laws and regulations.

Training:

EPA is holding multiple trainings and office hours for users on EJScreen 2.2. The trainings will provide an:

- Overview Presentation on EJScreen 2.2
- Discussion of the New Features
- Live Demonstration
- Q&A session

The training courses will feature the same content and will be accessible via Zoom, **registration is not required**. More information can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen/ejscreen-office-hours-training>. The upcoming opportunities are listed below:

Office Hours Date/Time/Link: August 16 at 12pm EST – [Click here to join](#)

The Office Hours will be a chance for the public to talk with EPA EJSscreen experts about many topics including how to use and apply the tool, technical issues, and any other questions.

We hope that you will test the new features of EJSscreen 2.2 to see how it can serve your needs and [provide us feedback](#) on how we can continue to improve this tool. For more information on EJSscreen, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen>.

NOW HIRING!

NEW! Quinault Indian Nation – Air Quality Program Specialist

Job Summary: The Air Quality Program Specialist is expected to manage a comprehensive air quality program dealing with air quality issues within the Quinault Reservation. This program includes implementation of the necessary actions for compliance with the Clean Air Act, and Federal Air Rules for Reservations. The incumbent will conduct ongoing air quality sampling, participation in planning processes, and working with issues related to both point and non-point source pollution. The position shall monitor processes within and outside of the Quinault Usual and Accustomed area that may affect air quality. The position will work with other departments within the Division of Natural Resources, and with other divisions of the Quinault Indian Nation on air related issues. This position is currently funded at 30 hours/week or at a 75% position, the position does have the capability of becoming a full time (40 hours) per week if funding is available or acquired in the future. For more information, visit:

<https://www.quinaultindiannation.com/jobs.htm>

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

NEW! Quality Assurance Training

The 2023 **Quality Assurance Virtual Event** hosted by the EPA's Office of Mission Support, is July 24-26, 2023 (9:30 AM -1:30 PM PDT). It's online for ease of attendance. With speakers, discussion opportunities and training. The optional pre-event has facilitated breakout sessions for 1) States/Territories/Interstates, 2) Tribes, and 3) EPA organizations so we can better understand your priorities and challenges.

If interested in attending – [you must register at this link](#). You will be prompted to register for the main session separately from the individual caucus sessions. After registering, our contractor support will make sure you have the calendar invitations with Zoom logistics on your calendar. This may take a few days. If you have any questions about this process feel free to reach out to mramirez@rossstrategic.com. **The deadline to register is July 19th.**

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! Climate Change Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) Update

As part of the Administration's commitment to move quickly to implement the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA), EPA is sharing some additional information about initial thinking and timing on phase 2 of the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG). The Climate Pollution Reduction Grants program is a \$5 billion, two-phase grant program that kicked off on March 1, 2023, when EPA issued the program guidance for the first phase of the program – the \$250 million planning grants phase. Phase 2 will consist of \$4.6 billion in implementation grants that will be awarded through a competitive process. To ensure compliance with grants competition rules, we have posted some updates about scope and timing of phase 2 to our [website](#). These updates include:

- **Anticipated timing of all implementation grant details (NOFO):** The notices of funding opportunity for the second phase of the program – the \$4.6 billion implementation grants phase – are under development and anticipated for release in September 2023.

- **Potential for two competitions for implementation grants:** We intend to hold two competitions for the \$4.6 billion in funding for the Climate Pollution Reduction implementation grants – a general competition, and a competition only for tribes and territories.
 - For the general competition, EPA is looking to fund a wide variety of measures and is planning to fund individual grants ranging anywhere between \$2 million and \$500 million. These applications would likely be due on or around April 1, 2024.
 - For the tribes and territories competition, we're looking at funding measures with individual grants in the \$1 million to \$25 million range. These applications would likely be due on or around April 30, 2024.
 - For both competitions, we anticipate having funding tiers that will facilitate competition between comparably sized applications.
- **Priority Climate Action Plan due date for tribes and territories:** EPA is extending the deadline for Priority Climate Action Plans for tribes and territories to April 1, 2024 (rather than March 1, 2024). This reflects the additional time we anticipate for applications in the tribes and territories implementation grant competition (likely due on or around April 30, 2024).
 - Note that tribes and territories that want to participate in the general competition will still need to meet the March 1 plan deadline.

Further, as we start to receive Priority Climate Action Plans under phase 1 of the program in 2024, EPA will make them available on our [web site](#).

[More information on the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants](#)

[Sign up for notifications about the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants](#)

[More information about how to register to apply for a grant](#)

Climate Nexus is dedicated to changing the conversation on climate change and clean energy. For climate updates, visit and sign up for climatenexus.org

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

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) with any feedback.

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

Recorded Webinars

Looking for more information check out the [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.

OLDER UPDATES!

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

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!

Updated Version of EPA’s Air Sensor Guidebook Released!

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 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
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