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TOP STORIES

EPA – [EPA and Pueblo of Pojoaque Prevent Radon Exposure](#)

Editor’s note: NTAA’s Executive Committee would like to highlight Administrator Pruitt’s comments in this article that radon exposure prevention and outreach are a part of EPA’s “back to basic initiative,” and that he is “pleased to support our tribal partners in sustaining their environmental protection programs.”

New York Times – [World Leaders Move Forward on Climate Change, Without U.S.](#)

E&E News - [House proposes to slash EPA, Interior spending](#)

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Grist – [Trumpcare and climate change will have the same victims](#)

Bloomberg News - [EPA Defeat on Methane Could Hinder Other Regulatory Rollbacks](#)

Think Progress - [Tribal, environmental groups sue over methane rule delay](#)

National Law Review - [What Happened to US EPA’s New Source Performance Standards and Emission Guidelines for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills?](#)

New Jersey Law Journal - [Nanticoke Lenni-Lenape a Recognized Tribe, Court Rules](#)

New England Journal of Medicine - [Air Pollution and Mortality in the Medicare Population](#)

USA Today - [127M Americans at risk of air-quality 'double whammy' of smog, ragweed pollen](#)

Indianz.com – [Rosalyn LaPier: Climate change poses challenges for tribal communities](#)

Science Daily - [Could concrete help solve the problem of air pollution?](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

Reuters - [EPA chief wants scientists to debate climate on TV](#)

Washington Post - [Controversial Alaskan gold mine could be revived under Trump's EPA](#)

Climate Central - [This Map Shows Warming's Fingerprints on Weather](#)

Washington Post - [The stubborn worry about climate change that just won't go away](#)

Climate Central – [The Arctic Has Been Crazy Warm All Year. This Is What It Means for Sea Ice](#)

BBC - [Giant iceberg splits from Antarctic](#)

Colorlines – [READ: In Southern Louisiana, A Question of Whether to Stay or Go](#)

Michigan Public Radio - [Michigan trees are migrating and it's not all due to climate change](#)

E&E News – [Energy bill on standby with health care, budget in flux](#)

E&E News – [Could wind energy be stored underground?](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Reuters - [U.S. EPA chief says to treat diesel emissions cheating 'very aggressively'](#)

Road and Track – [Every Volvo Launched From 2019 Will Be Electrified](#)

NPR – [France Plans to Ban Sale of Diesel and Gas Vehicles By 2040](#)

Bloomberg – [China, EU Bolster Greener Global Shipping to Curb Emissions](#)

The Press Enterprise - [Morongo tribe gets money for cleaner trucks](#)

Native Sun News – [Oglala Sioux Tribe files for court to revoke Black Hills uranium mining license](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Photo from the field

Indian Country Today – [Navajo Generating Station Lease Extended Through 2019](#)



*The Navajo Generating Station, one of several coal-fired power plants on or near Navajo territory.
Photo by Ted Grussing*

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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 Elaine.Wilson@nau.edu if you have any questions about any call!

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| Volkswagen Settlement Work Group: Stay informed about the VW settlement with these monthly calls | Thursday, July 13, 2pm ET |
| EPA Policy Update Call: Receive updates from EPA | Thursday, July 27, 2pm ET |

Northern Arizona University’s Office of Native American Initiatives Presents Tribal Leadership Essentials: Leadership, Management, Governance, Law, and Strategy

Dates: July 24-25, 2017

Location: 1899 Ballroom, NAU, Flagstaff, AZ

This exclusive session is designed to empower tribal leaders to reflect and improve their knowledge and skills to drive needed change for their nations. Our program offers the rare opportunity for tribal leaders to step back from their daily leadership roles and responsibilities to reevaluate and revitalize their professional and personal strengths.

Keynote Speakers: Mr. Martin Casado, Mr. Greg Smith, and Chief Clarence Louie.

Learn more and register at nau.edu/nacreg.

DRAFT FY 2018-2019 National Program Manager Documents Available

The draft FY 2018-2019 NPM Guidance documents communicate EPA’s programmatic and operational strategies consistent with the FY 2018 President’s budget (<https://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/fy2018>). Draft FY 2018-2019 NPM Guidance documents are now available for review and comments on EPA’s NPM Guidance web site: <https://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/national-program-manager-guidances>.

The external comment period on draft FY 2018-2019 NPM Guidance documents will take place until July 28th. **Written comments should be provided by July 28th** to Beth Burchard (burchard.beth@epa.gov), Blair Budd (budd.blair@epa.gov), and the appropriate EPA Office contact (listed on the right side of the NPM Guidance web page listed above). Jill Smink (smink.jill@epa.gov) should be included for any comments on the draft OEI NPM

Guidance. Please use the [FY 2018-2019 Draft NPM Guidance External Comments Template](#) to submit your comments.

Responses to comments and the final NPM Guidance documents will be posted on this website: <https://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/national-program-manager-guidances> on August 21, 2017.

National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) 3-Part Webinar Series

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hosting a three-part webinar series on the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for communities. Under the Clean Air Act (CAA), the EPA is required to set the NAAQS and review those standards every five years for six common air pollutants (also known as "criteria" air pollutants). There are NAAQS for ground-level ozone (O₃); particulate matter (PM); carbon monoxide (CO), lead (Pb), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), and nitrogen dioxide (NO₂). These criteria air pollutants are found all across the United States and can harm your health, the environment, and cause property damage.

In this webinar series you will learn how the EPA: 1) sets, reviews and revises the primary (health) and secondary (environmental) standards; 2) designate areas that are meeting or not meeting these standards; and 3) works with areas to meet and maintain these standards.

During each 90 minute webinar, there will be an overview presentation of the topic followed by a question and answer session.

WEBINAR SERIES LINE-UP:

Webinar #1: NAAQS (101) (This session date has passed.)

Webinar #2: NAAQS - Designations

(This session will discuss the designations process, the different categories (i.e., attainment, nonattainment, and unclassifiable), and what it means if your area does not meet the NAAQS and what role the community can play in the designations process.)

- Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2017
- Time: 1:00 -2:30 PM EST
- Participant Dial-in Number: (800) 309-5450
- Conference ID: 31308775
- Webinar Link: <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/naaqs-desig>

Webinar #3: NAAQS - Implementation

(This session will discuss how to attain & maintain the NAAQS and what role the community can play in the implementation process.)

- Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2017
- Time: 1:00 -2:30 PM EST

- Participant Dial-in Number: (800) 309-5450
- Conference ID: 30986885
- Webinar Link: <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/naaqs-implement>

How to Participate: You do not need to register in advance for these webinars. To participate, please click on the webinar link at the date and time shown above. Audio for the webinar will be delivered through the phone line. It is recommended that you call in 15 minutes before the webinar's start time to ensure your participation.

To Join a Webinar: Click on the link and follow these instructions:

1. Click "Enter as a Guest"
2. Type in your first & last name and organization
3. Click "Enter Room"

You will be in the room!

Make sure to use the participant call in number and conference ID for audio

If you have never attended an Adobe Connect meeting before, we highly recommend that you test your connection:

http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm

We look forward to your participation and encourage you to share this invitation with others in the community who may be interested. Information about the NAAQS can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/criteria-air-pollutants> and <https://www.epa.gov/criteria-air-pollutants/process-reviewing-national-ambient-air-quality-standards>.

For questions about the webinars, please contact Rhonda Wright at wright.rhonda@epa.gov.

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 |
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| 2017 | | |
| Indoor Air Quality – Level 1 | September 26-28 | Tulsa, OK |

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| 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 | November 28-30 | TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV |
| 2018 | | |
| Introduction to Air Quality | January 9-12 | Flagstaff, AZ |
| CAA & Permitting (tentative) | February 6-9 | 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 |
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| Quality Assurance (QA) Fundamentals | Open | Online |
| Building Performance: Improving Energy Efficiency & IAQ | TBD | Online |
| Radon Fundamentals | Open | Online |
| Tribal 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](#).

Climate Change / Energy

Moms Clean Air Force will host a "play-in" rally on Capitol Hill Thursday, July 13, 2017 to demand meaningful action on climate. Click [here](#) for more information and a full schedule.

Toxics/Mobile Sources

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Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors announces National Radon Training Conference

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!

City of Tallahassee Chief Resiliency Officer

Closing date: July 14, 2017

More information can be found on the [City of Tallahassee's website](#).

Southern Ute Indian Tribe is hiring a General Assistance Program Manager for the Environmental Tribal Response Program

Job ID: 16473

Closing Date: Position closes at 5:00 pm Mountain Standard Time on 7/20/2017.

Position Summary: Plans, develops, and administers the environmental Tribal Response program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This position is a grade 21 / \$55,006.00/annually.

Job Location: Ignacio, CO

How to Apply: Please apply online at: <https://careers.southernute.com/pfund>

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Call for Nominations for EPA's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee and EPA Science Advisory Board

Each year, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Science Advisory Board (SAB) Staff Office publishes a Federal Register Notice announcing opportunities for the public to nominate candidate experts to serve on the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee, the SAB and certain SAB standing committees. The CASAC and the SAB are congressionally mandated federal advisory committees that are charged with providing scientific advice to the EPA Administrator.

The CASAC provides independent advice to the EPA Administrator on the technical bases for EPA's National Ambient Air Quality Standards, and the SAB is authorized to provide independent advice on a broad range of scientific matters, including review of the quality and relevance of the scientific and technical information being used by the EPA or proposed as the basis for Agency regulations.

Members of the CASAC and the SAB constitute a diverse and distinguished body of non-EPA scientists, engineers, economists, and behavioral and social scientists who are nationally and internationally recognized experts in their respective fields. Members are appointed by the EPA Administrator for a 3-year term. More information about serving on the CASAC or the SAB and requirements for advisors is available on the [SAB webpage](#).

The SAB Staff Office recently published a [Federal Register Notice](#) requesting public nominations of candidate experts to serve on the CASAC, the Chartered SAB and the following standing SAB committees:

- Chemical Assessment Advisory Committee
- Drinking Water Committee
- Environmental Economics Advisory Committee
- Environmental Engineering Committee
- Environmental Processes and Effects Committee
- Radiation Advisory Committee

The Notice describes the functions of and expertise needed for the CASAC, the Chartered SAB and each of the six SAB committees. **Nominations are sought by July 27, 2017.**

Nominations to the CASAC or the SAB should be made using the links to the appropriate committee at the bottom of the [CASAC](#) or [SAB](#) home pages. The Federal Register Notice provides instructions for the public to nominate candidates for the Administrators consideration and contact information of the respective Designated Federal Officer for the CASAC, the Board and each of the five SAB committees.

Should you have questions about the nomination process or the work of the CASAC or the SAB, please contact the appropriate Designated Federal Officer listed in the Federal Register Notice.

The deadline for the 2015 Ozone NAAQS designations has been extended from October 2017 to October 2018

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-06-28/pdf/2017-13437.pdf>

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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Smoke Sense Study: App under development to investigate effective health risk communication of wildland fire smoke

The Smoke Sense app will be released on the Google Play store this month. It will be available until November, at which time it will be taken down, improved, and then released once again on the Play store. Users will be able to send comments back to help improve the app via email. The information that users send back from the actual app will be anonymous. The app asks weekly questions, totaling approximately 5 minutes per week of answering health/smoke related questions. Users must be 18 years old or older; Android phone users are also able to participate. More information can be found on EPA's website by [clicking here](#).

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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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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Rural Development Acting Deputy Undersecretary Roger Glendenning announced that USDA is seeking applications for grants to make housing repairs for low- and very-low-income rural residents. The grants are being provided through USDA Rural Development's [Housing Preservation Grant program](#).

“These grants help rural homeowners and rental housing owners repair and improve their properties,” Glendenning said. “Funds may be used to resolve health or safety issues, make accessibility modifications for people with disabilities, or make energy-efficiency improvements to lower utility costs.” USDA provided Housing Preservation Grants for 107 organizations in 46 states and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in FY 2016. The grants renovated nearly 1,000 rural housing units.

Eligible applicants for Housing Preservation Grants include town or county governments, public agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes, and nonprofit and faith-based organizations. USDA does not provide funding directly to homeowners under this program. For additional eligibility information, see page 25228 of the June 1, 2017 [Federal Register](#).

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 17, 2017. For questions, California applicants can contact [Debra Moretton](#).

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

There are no EPA Rules posted today from the Federal Register for Wednesday, July 12, 2017.

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

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