



National Tribal Air Association

NTAA Weekly Update

*Week of April 9th-April
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TOP STORIES

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HEADLINES

NY Times – [E.P.A. Officials Sidelined After Questioning Scott Pruitt](#)

NY Times – [Growing Crisis Threatens Scott Pruitt, E.P.A. Chief, as Top Aides Eye the Exits](#)

E&E News – [EPA: 'It has been a breathtaking week'](#)

The Atlantic – [An Internal Email Contradicts Scott Pruitt's Account of Controversial Raises](#)

Indianz.com - [Quapaw Tribe goes to bat for Trump's embattled environmental official](#)

Photos from the field

Popular Science - [Air pollution might be the new lead: Scientists now think it might put young brains at risk](#)



Deposit Photos

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

ABC News – [Obama-era clean-air rule on methane emissions blocked again](#)

E&E News – [Extensions for Pebble comments and partnership deal](#)

E&E News – [Energy specialist is leading former climate unit](#)

NPR - [Former Coal Lobbyist on Tap for No. 2 Spot at EPA](#)

NPR – [The Impact of Pruitt’s EPA Rollback](#)

NPR – [Trump Touts Pruitt’s ‘Great Job,’ But EPA Rollbacks Have a Long Road Ahead](#)

NY Times – [In His Haste to Roll Back Rules, Scott Pruitt, E.P.A. Chief, Risks His Agenda](#)

CBS News - [Attorneys general sue EPA, Scott Pruitt over pollution requirements](#)

The Guardian – [Cement industry urged to reduce ‘invisible’ global emissions](#)

Las Vegas Sun - [Environmentalists decry early closure of Las Vegas EPA lab](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

U.S. EPA - [EPA Approves First Underground Injection Control Program Primacy for Carbon Sequestration Wells to North Dakota](#)

The Verge – [Apple tells the EPA why cutting the Clean Power Plan is a bad move](#)

Reuters – [Trump to mull U.S. biofuels policy options in cabinet meeting Monday](#)

Seattle Times - [A ‘monstrosity’ or a step forward? Puyallup Tribe, PSE in showdown over Tacoma natural-gas plant](#)

The Denver Post - [Does living near an oil and gas well increase your risk of cancer? A new Colorado study says yes.](#)

NY Times – [Solar Power Is Burning Bright. But it’s Hardly Twilight for Fossil Fuels.](#)

NY Times – [5 Plants and Animals Utterly Confused by Climate Change](#)

NPR – [In March, Portugal Made More Than Enough Renewable Energy to Power the Whole Country](#)

Grist – [Another reason climate change is a public health nightmare: Allergies](#)

Mashable – [Donald Trump and the GOP’s climate denial is dividing Americans](#)

E&E News – [Offshore Drilling: Industry appetite for leases ‘modest at best’ – Zinke](#)

NY Times – [Climate Fwd: A Trip to Morocco. A Condo Rental. Here’s Why Scott Pruitt Is Under Fire.](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Time - [Scott Pruitt's Rollback of Emissions Standards Is a Big Deal. Here's Why the Rollout Fell Flat](#)

NY Times – [Quietly, Trump Officials and California Seek a Deal on Car Emissions](#)

BBC – [Shipping industry faces calls to clean up emissions](#)

Energy News – [Electric vehicles will transform the power grid. Will Illinois be ready?](#)

Indoor Air Quality

People – [California Family Gets \\$1.6 Million After 3-Year-Old Is Scarred by Bedbug Bites](#)

Economist – [Household smoke may be the world’s deadliest environmental hazard](#)

The Western News – [Lincoln County Public Health Nurse: Outdoor Burning Is Good For Your Lawn, But Bad for Your Lungs](#)

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UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

**USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service - Science and Technology
National Technology Support Centers presents [Fire, Smoke, and Air Quality](#)
Apr 23, 2018 3:00 pm US/Eastern**

Save the Date: Protecting Mother Earth Conference

June 28-July 1, 2018

Nisqually Territories, between Olympia and Tacoma, Washington

An international gathering on how Indigenous Knowledge can foster climate justice through exploring environmental health, the harms of extreme energy projects, finding solutions through clean renewable energy and how to uphold the territorial integrity of Mother Earth.

More information: pme2018@iearth.org

EPA Notices:

Final Action on Review of the NO₂ NAAQS - EPA is retaining the current 1-hour and annual primary NO₂ standards. The Agency concluded that the current standards protect the public health with an adequate margin of safety, and that the available evidence and information does not support revising those standards. The prepublication notice and a summary fact sheet is available at: <https://www.epa.gov/no2-pollution/primary-national-ambient-air-quality-standards-naaqs-nitrogen-dioxide>.

Final Action on CT Clean Air Act Section 126 Petition - EPA denied a petition submitted by Connecticut under section 126 of the Clean Air Act. In its 2016 petition, Connecticut sought reductions in emissions of ozone-forming nitrogen dioxide (NO_x) from at the Brunner Island Steam Electric Station in Pennsylvania. In addition to other options, Connecticut proposed that the operation of natural gas could be implemented at the plant to reduce NO_x emissions. In 2017, the Brunner Island plant completed the installation of a natural gas pipeline and used natural gas predominantly during the 2017 ozone season, resulting in a significant reduction in NO_x emissions. The Agency has concluded that the Brunner Island Steam Electric Station does not currently emit, nor is it expected to emit, pollution in violation of the good neighbor provision for the 2008 ozone standards. The prepublication notice and a summary fact sheet is available at: <https://www.epa.gov/ozone-pollution/connecticut-126-petition>.

EPA finalized Findings of Failure to Submit for certain states, and the information has now been posted online. Specifically, California, Idaho, and

Pennsylvania failed to submit revisions of their 2012 PM_{2.5} state implementation plans (SIPs) that were due on October 15, 2016. Information is available at <https://www.epa.gov/pm-pollution/implementation-national-ambient-air-quality-standards-naaqs-fine-particulate-matter>.

In the attached memorandum, *Information on the Interstate Transport State Implementation Plan Submissions for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards under the Clean Air Act*, EPA is providing projected air quality modeling results for ozone in 2023, including projected ozone concentrations at potential nonattainment and maintenance sites for the 2015 ozone NAAQS and projected upwind state contribution data. EPA is also including, as Attachment A, a preliminary list of potential flexibilities for developing a good neighbor SIP. This information, as well as the spreadsheet containing the updated contribution metrics, are also available on EPA's website at: <https://www.epa.gov/airmarkets/interstate-air-pollution-transport>.

EPA's Transport Team (including OAR and Regional office counterparts) would like to invite states, tribes, and other interested stakeholders to participate in a national conference call (no registration required) to discuss the 2023 modeling and contribution data, and to gather feedback on the preliminary list of potential flexibilities for developing a good neighbor SIP identified in Attachment A.

When: April 12 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. EDT

Call: 202-991-0477 (passcode 9582037)

Please share this information with your state and tribal air agency contacts who work on interstate ozone transport. If you have any questions please contact Beth Palma at 919-541-5432 or palma.elizabeth@epa.gov. We look forward to our upcoming discussion.

Air Sensors International Conference Now Accepting Abstracts

[Submit your work](#) for consideration as a Podium or Poster Presentation!

Important Dates

Abstracts Open: March 5, 2018

Abstracts Close: April 23, 2018

Abstracts Acceptance: May 11, 2018

Conference Dates: September 12-14, 2018

2018 EPA Region 6/State National Clean Air Act Inspector/Enforcement Officer Training Workshop

The workshop will be held on May 8 - 10, 2018. Your registration from this site allows you access to all workshop sessions, either on-site in the EPA Region 6 Office in Dallas, Texas or via Adobe Connect Webinar over the internet. [Click here](#) to register for the Workshop and to review the agenda, logistics, and workshop description.

EPA Workshop & Webinar: Deliberating Performance Targets for Air Quality Sensors

Date and Time: Monday, 06/25/2018, 9:00AM EDT to Tuesday, 06/26/2018, 5:00PM EDT

[Click here for more information](#) from EPA's website.

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

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

Registration instructions When you register for the GoToWebinar, please remember to include your Tribe, Region, or Organization in parenthesis after your last name. This allows you to see everyone on the call and prevents us from conducting a roll-call, ultimately saving everyone's time.

Status of Tribal Air Report Work Group: This group meets every other Wednesday, January-April, to produce the STAR	Wednesday, April 18, 1pm ET
Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Help implement IAQ priorities and develop webinars	Thursday, April 19, 2pm ET
EPA Policy Update Call: Receive updates from EPA	Thursday, April 26, 2pm ET
Volkswagen Settlement Work Group: Continue to track the ongoing developments and help guide the process	Thursday, May 3, 2pm ET

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 2018 AIAQTP Course Schedule

Course Title	Dates	Location
GIS for Air Quality	April 17-19	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Air Quality in Alaska	April 17-20	Barrow, AK
IAQ Diagnostic Tools for Alaska	May 1-3	Tazlina, AK
<i>National Tribal Forum on Air Quality</i>	<i>May 14-18</i>	<i>Duluth, MN</i>
Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants (lower 48)	June 5-7	Flagstaff, AZ
Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Cold Climates	Open	Online
Residential Building Science Review	Open	Online
Radon Fundamentals	Open	Online
Quality Assurance (QA) Fundamentals	Open	Online
Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPP)	Open	Online
Emissions Inventory (self-paced, instructor assistance as needed)	Open	Online
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke (hybrid course)	January-March	Series of 5 webinars

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 a 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

Climate Change Adaptation Planning In-Person Training: June 5-7, 2018, Glennallen, Alaska

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals is excited to be collaborating with *Copper River Native Association* on an *Introduction to Climate Change Adaptation Planning* course. This course provides an overview to planning for climate change impacts, highlighting the work of several tribes.

If you are interested in applying for this course, please fill out the online application form at <http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Training/Trainings>

*If you are unable to complete the online form, please contact us for a form to be sent to you which you must sign and return as an attachment (*PDF format preferred*) by email to Colleen.Davis@nau.edu or by fax to ITEP at 928-523-1266 to the attention of *Colleen Davis*. Applications received by Friday, May 04, 2018, will have priority consideration.

Upcoming EPA Clean Energy Webinars for State, Local, and Tribal Governments

There are many upcoming webinars on climate and energy topics offered by federal agencies and others. All webinars are offered free of charge, but space may be limited. [Let us know](#) if you have upcoming webinars you would like us to include in future newsletters. [Visit our website](#) for energy resources for state, local, and tribal governments. Our archived webinars can be found [here](#).

EPA Webinars

April 25, 1PM (ET) - Introduction to the Local Government Solar Project Portal

EPA is working with the Department of Energy (DOE) and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) to support local governments in meeting their environmental and energy goals through greater utilization of solar energy from on- and off-site solar projects that serve municipal operations. Local governments that are considering developing solar projects over the next two years, can participate in this effort by providing regular updates on their project development efforts.

EPA is hosting an introductory webinar focused on this initiative, the [Local Government Solar Project Portal](#), that outlines the renewable energy project development pathway steps and the associated tools and resources, project engagement opportunities, timelines and next steps. [Register](#)

ENERGY STAR Webinars

April 4, 11, 18, 25, Noon (ET) – Portfolio Manager: Ask the Expert

Most Wednesdays ENERGY STAR holds a live webinar that gives all Portfolio Manager users an opportunity to ask their questions directly to EPA experts in an open forum. [Register](#)

April 17, 1 PM (ET) – Portfolio Manager 301

With a good background on the basic functionality of EPA’s ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager tool, learn about some advanced features including: using spreadsheet upload templates to update property data; setting goals and targets to plan energy improvements for properties; creating custom reports; and using the Sustainable Buildings Checklist.

[Register](#)

April 26, 2 PM (ET) – Preparing for EPA’s ENERGY STAR Metric Updates

In August 2018 EPA will update the models that power 1-100 ENERGY STAR scores with new data, based on the latest Commercial Building Energy Consumption Surveys (CBECS) from the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Join this interactive session to hear about EPA’s methodology and schedule for updating the scores, discuss considerations for building owners and managers, and learn what to expect when new metrics are released. [Register](#)

Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy Policies and Programs Webinars

April 25, 1 PM (ET) - Best Practices in Tribal Energy Business Models

The DOE Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs and the Western Area Power Administration will co-sponsor the 2018 webinar series [Tribal Sovereignty and Self-Determination through Community Energy Development](#). The series is intended for tribal leaders, tribal staff, and others interested in energy development in Indian Country. During the April webinar, attendees will learn best practices for tribal energy business

structures, including their advantages and disadvantages, goals associated with different business models, and examples of various models. Tribal leaders and community members will also learn how to select the best structure for their goals, existing codes, and laws. [Register](#)

**Arizona State University's School of Sustainability Webinars
April 16, 1:15 PM (ET) – Climate Adaptation Policy at the State and Local Level**

Arizona State University's School of Sustainability, along with the American Society of Adaptation Professionals and the University of the District of Columbia's College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences, is hosting a new five-webinar series on "Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Leadership."

This first webinar features panelists Michael McCormick, California Governor's Office of Planning and Research, and Guy Williams, on the Detroit Climate Action Plan. This session will be moderated by Elizabeth Graffy, Professor of Practice at the Arizona State University's Center for Science, Policy & Outcomes and a Senior Sustainability Scientist at the Julie Ann Wrigley Global Institute of Sustainability.

Subsequent webinars will discuss "Innovations in Climate Solutions," "Climate Justice and Adaptation." [Register](#)

**Clean Energy States Alliance Webinars
April 26, 1 PM (ET) – FERC and Clean Energy**

In this webinar, John Moore, Director of the Sustainable FERC Project at NRDC, will discuss some of the issues currently before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the regional markets it regulates, including the potential threats for state RPSs and related state energy policies. Among the issues he will discuss are the increasing tensions between state and federal energy policies, energy storage, resilience, aggregation of rooftop solar and other distributed energy resources, PURPA, and transmission planning. There will be time for audience questions. This webinar is presented by the Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA) for the RPS Collaborative. [Register](#)

**Regulatory Assistance Project Webinars
April 11, 1:30 PM (ET) – Smart Non-Residential Rate Design**

Commercial and industrial utility customers can use power sector innovations to reduce their energy bills and produce services for the grid.

Distributed energy resources, advanced power control technologies, and smart metering can produce private benefits for these customers, but regulators need to know whether the investments will also promote the public interest: Will they reduce system costs and produce benefits for all customers? The answer depends on rate design, and unfortunately non-residential rate design is not well aligned with system needs and system value in many states.

In this webinar, learn how revising rate design can produce benefits for customers in your state. Drawing from their [recent report](#), Jim Lazar and Dr. Carl Linvill will discuss how regulators can create price signals for utilities that:

- Reduce peak demand;
- More accurately convey system costs; and
- Give customers incentives to install self-generation, controllable loads, and storage, and to operate these resources to meet private and power system needs. [Register](#)

The ITEP Climate Change Team is launching a new Climate Change 201 course that would serve cohorts of tribes working through the entire process of developing a strategic climate change adaptation plan focusing on a particular topic. (Potential topics are listed below. You will be asked to rank your top three choices.) The course will take place mainly online with one in-person meeting over 1 1/2 years.

For more information: Please see our course description [here](#).

To apply: Visit our [Trainings webpage](#).

Please note that you cannot save our online application and return to it later. It must be filled out all at once. At our website, we have provided a pdf of the application form for you to reference before beginning the application process.

Course fee: There is no fee for this course. However, we ask for a time commitment of four hours per week to be divided among the members of a core climate change planning team.

Questions: Please feel free to email or call the ITEP Climate Change Program co-managers, Nikki Cooley or Karen Cozzetto with questions:

- Nikki Cooley, nikki.cooley@nau.edu, 928-523-7046
- Karen Cozzetto, karen.cozzetto@nau.edu, 928-523-6758

Application deadline: Wednesday, April 25th.

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

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Indoor Air Quality

Asthma Webinar Series: Introduction to Asthma Research

Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 2:30 pm EDT. Duration: 1.5 hours

Reserve your Webinar seat now at

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4661183123076672258>

Questions: Contact Mansel A. Nelson at mansel.nelson@nau.edu or 928-523-1275

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RESOURCES

Now Hiring!

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The American Indian Higher Education Consortium and Southwest Climate Science Center at the University of Arizona is hiring a Tribal Climate Science Liaison

Closing date: April 16, 2018

More information: <http://www.swcsc.arizona.edu/news/2018/03/job-announcement-tribal-climate-science-liaison-sw-csc>

The Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians is hiring an Environmental Director

Application deadline: April 30, 2018

For more information or questions please contact Thomas Jordan at (707) 533-2870.

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

New Video from Fort Peck Tribal Community and World Wildlife Fund Shines a Light on the Return of the Bison to Native Lands

The Path Back was produced by leaders from Fort Peck Reservation in northeastern Montana in partnership with World Wildlife Fund. This short film provides a unique perspective on the loss and return of plains bison to tribal lands. A primary intended audience for *The Path Back* will be young people from the Native American community who may not be aware of the history of the bison's demise and how their community leaders are working diligently for its return. You can watch or share the video from this page (<https://vimeo.com/244873118>).

Tribal Capacity and Needs Assessment on Environmental Data Collection and Management

This Needs Assessment is being conducted by the [Tribal Governance Group \(TGG\)](#), which is seeking input from tribal leaders, environmental program staff, and information technology staff that support tribal environmental projects. We would value 15 minutes of your time to complete a brief questionnaire seeking information on your tribes' environmental data management activities and technological capacity. Please distribute this questionnaire to the tribal representative(s) and/or staff person(s) most appropriate to respond; multiple responses per tribe will accepted.

As funding for tribal programs continues to shrink and become more competitive, it is essential that federal agencies are informed with robust, representative input directly from tribes. The TGG has continued to advocate for increased funding support for tribal programs that is also responsive to tribal needs and constraints, and supports tribal goals and priorities.

The needs assessment is easy to complete using either a computer or mobile device. Please click on the link below to access the online form (if the link does not open automatically, copy and paste the link into a web browser to access). The needs assessment will be accepting responses through June 30, 2018.

http://nau.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b42EtWFq3AU7IEp

For more information, visit: www.tribalexchangenetwork.org or contact Frank Harjo, TGG Chair at fharjo@mcn-nsn.gov

EPA Tools and Resources Webinar Series

Usually held the third Wednesday of every month from 3:00-4:00 PM ET
Who should attend? Representatives of state environment and health agencies, tribes, local governments, communities, and others interested in learning about EPA tools and resources available to help inform decision-making.

[Access past webinars and learn more here.](#)

No-Cost Technical Assistance from DOE

The DOE Office of Indian Energy provides federally recognized Indian tribes, including Alaska Native villages, tribal energy resource development organizations, and other organized tribal groups and communities, with technical assistance to advance tribal energy projects at no cost. Technical experts from DOE and its national laboratories, along with other partnering organizations, provide support to assist Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages with energy planning, housing and building energy efficiency, project development, policy and regulation, resilience, and village power.

For more information, visit the on-request [technical assistance description](#).

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!](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

The National Tribal Waste and Response Steering Committee is seeking applications for five openings.

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

Application deadline is May 25, 2018

EPA is releasing three draft guidance documents for public comment clarifying the circumstances under which the Agency may disclose Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) confidential business information (CBI) with an expanded set of people.

EPA invites governments and other stakeholders to review and comment on these draft guidance documents, available here: <https://www.epa.gov/tsca-cbi/requesting-access-cbi-under-tsca>. Comments can be submitted to docket EPA-HQ-OPPT-2017-0652. The comment period will be open until April 16, 2018.

Indoor Air Quality

Information on State IAQ Laws and Policies—Environmental Law Institute

Have you ever wondered what your state’s IAQ laws or policies are? The Environmental Law Institute (ELI) has a wealth of information on how states are addressing long-standing and emerging indoor air quality (IAQ) issues.

ELI’s materials on IAQ are all available *free* at www.eli.org/buildings, ELI’s portal for its Indoor Environments and Green Buildings Program. From the portal, you can browse among general topics or choose a type of publication

Available On-Demand: Linking IAQ, Energy Efficiency, and Preventive Maintenance

The webinar “Making the Connection: Linking IAQ, Energy Efficiency, and Preventive Maintenance Together for Healthy Schools” can now be [viewed online here.](#)

This webinar will demonstrate how to—

- Explain the critical connection between IAQ, energy efficiency and preventive maintenance, as well as the importance of properly integrating them for optimal occupant health and building performance during a renovation project.
- Use resources to help with energy efficiency and preventive maintenance efforts, including the Energy Savings Plus Health guide and the accompanying Interactive Air Quality Planner for Schools that helps you create a custom verification checklist for both your building upgrades and concurrent IAQ assessment protocols for each step of the upgrade process.

- Use a case study from a school district on getting started using these resources to create healthy indoor learning environments.
- Start or improve a preventive maintenance program to include IAQ and energy efficiency components as part of a comprehensive building management approach.

You can also download the [“Energy Savings Plus Health: Indoor air Quality Guidelines for School Building Upgrades”](#).

Be sure to sign up for [EPA’s Healthy Indoor Air newsletter](#).

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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Climate Change/Energy

Updates to 2018 EE Local Grants Request for Proposals

The EE Local Grants Request for Proposals (RFP), originally issued in January, has been modified in order to expand the scope of the environmental issues that can be addressed. The changes to the RFP provide applicants with greater flexibility to address environmental issues relevant to their communities.

To provide applicants with time to modify their proposals, EPA has extended the deadline until **April 11, 2018**. [Read the updated RFP and a summary of the changes](#). For questions, please email ee grants@epa.gov.

DOE Announces Up To \$11.5 Million Available for Energy Infrastructure Deployment on Tribal Lands. Applications are due April 19, 2018.

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) builds on efforts to strengthen tribal energy, economic infrastructure resource development, and electrification on tribal lands. This is also the first time that the Office of Indian Energy is issuing a FOA on an entirely fuel and technology neutral basis. This will expand the potential for tribes to use the particular resources available to them and is consistent not only with an all-of-the-above energy policy, but also with the principles of tribal sovereignty and self-determination.

This funding opportunity will address the gaps and barriers by soliciting and selecting applications from Indian Tribes, which include Alaska Native Regional

Corporations and Village Corporations, and Tribal Energy Resource Development Organizations in the following areas:

1. Topic Area 1: Install energy efficiency measures and/or energy generating systems for tribal buildings that may include deep energy retrofits, energy generating systems, or a combination of energy efficiency measures.
2. Topic Area 2: Deploy community-scale energy generating systems on tribal lands to provide electricity to a substantial number of buildings or even an entire tribal community.
3. Topic Area 3: Install energy systems for autonomous operation to power single or multiple essential tribal loads during emergency situations, or to power a substantial number of essential tribal loads for community resilience.

Selected projects will take on a 50% cost-share in order to reduce or stabilize energy costs, as well as increase energy security and resilience for Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages.

For additional details, read the [full press release](#). Download the [full FOA](#). An [informational webinar](#) was held Feb. 27, 2018, to provide potential applicants with more information. See the Office of Indian Energy [website](#) for a map and summaries of these competitively funded projects.

Toxics/Mobile Sources

EPA Solicits Applications for Grants to Provide Businesses with Pollution Prevention Technical Assistance and Training

EPA is calling for grant proposals from state and tribal agencies, universities, colleges and other organizations to provide pollution prevention (P2) technical assistance or training to businesses. These two-year projects are expected to be performed in each EPA region.

The solicitation for this grant competition can be found at www.Grants.gov and at www.epa.gov/p2/grant-programs-pollution-prevention (Funding Opportunity Number – EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-001). **Grant applications are due April 26.**

Pollution Prevention (P2) means reducing or eliminating pollutants from entering any waste stream or otherwise released into the environment *prior to recycling, treatment, or disposal*. In keeping with the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990, EPA is encouraging P2 because implementing these approaches can result in reductions in pollutants, the use of water, energy and other raw materials, while

also lowering business costs. All grant awards will support the delivery of P2 technical assistance and/or training for businesses, and the identification, development, documentation and sharing of P2 best management practices and innovations.

Grant proposals should focus on one or more of the following P2 priority areas, referred to as National Emphasis Areas (NEAs):

- NEA #1: Business-Based Pollution Prevention Solutions Supporting Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Priorities and Chemical Safety:
- NEA #2: Food and Beverage Manufacturing and Processing:
- NEA #3: Hazardous Materials Source Reduction Approaches in States or Communities

Webinar for Potential Applicants

EPA's national P2 Program will host an informational webinar for potential applicants and interested stakeholders on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 from 1:00 PM– 2:30 PM EDT. To register, please go to:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1881359341448649473>. Attendees are advised to connect early (12:45 pm to 1:00 pm EDT) to ensure proper connection and to type in questions. The webinar link works best when using the Google Chrome browser

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](#).

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