



National Tribal Air Association

NTAA Weekly Update

*Week of August 13th -
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PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

NPR – [In Parts of California Blanketed With Wildfire Smoke, Breathing Is ‘A Chore’](#)



Resident Moe Blythe watches the Holy Fire burn near homes on August 9, 2018 in Corona, California. Photo credit: Mario Tama/Getty Images

TOP STORIES

NTAA has published Policy Response Kits for two important EPA actions. You can use NTAA’ Policy Response Kits (PRK) to craft your own comment letters to EPA. Both PRK’s can be found [on NTAA’s webpage](#).

1. **U.S. EPA's Proposed Rule on Transparency in Regulatory Science:** *Comments must be received on or before August 16, 2018.* On April 30, 2018, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed a rule to establish the transparency of EPA regulatory science. The rule also requires the EPA to identify all regulatory science it relied on and conduct an independent peer review on all pivotal regulatory science use to justify regulatory decisions. This proposed rule could significantly impact rulemakings under the Clean Air Act (CAA), which requires the EPA to rely on the best available science for regulatory actions. You can access the full documents and more information here: <https://www.epa.gov/osa/strengthening-transparency-regulatory-science/> Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. [EPA-HQ-OZ-2018-0259], to the Federal eRulemaking portal: <http://www.regulations.gov/> Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
2. **The U.S. EPA Risk Management Program:** *Comments must be received on or before August 23, 2018.* The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is reconsidering the final rule on the Risk Management Program (RMP) Amendments (82 FR 4594, January 13, 2017). In early 2017, the EPA received Reconsideration petitions on the amended rule, delaying the effective date of the rule until February 19, 2019. The EPA also developed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to reconsider these Amendments, which was published in the Federal Register on May 30, 2018. NTAA is offering comments on the NPRM and on discussion provided in the agency's Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA), dated April 27, 2018. Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. [EPA-HQ-OEM-2015-0725], to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov/> and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

Stratospheric Ozone Intrusion Guidance Input

As part EPA's effort to continue improving implementation of the Clean Air Act's exceptional event provisions, the EPA is developing Guidance on the Preparation of Exceptional Events Demonstrations for Stratospheric Ozone Intrusions to reflect the 2016 revisions to the Exceptional Events Rule. The guidance is intended to facilitate Exceptional Events Rule implementation by providing example language and sample analyses that air agencies may use in demonstrations for stratospheric ozone intrusions.

As we near completion of this guidance, we are pleased to invite air agency review and consideration of the draft document. We encourage air agencies to focus their review on (1) Corrections or clarifications of content, and (2) Suggestions for additional information that would be helpful to include. For a copy of the draft guidance document, please contact Laura Mckelvey at mckelvey.laura@epa.gov, then send your comments and suggestions to Ben Gibson at gibson.benjamin@epa.gov by October 15, 2018.

The Weather Channel - [Wildfire Smoke from Western Fires Detected in Majority of U.S. States](#)

Politico - [Exclusive: Draft details Trump's plan for reversing Obama climate rule](#)

NY Times – [Court Orders E.P.A. to Ban Chlorpyrifos, Pesticide Tied to Children's Health Problems](#)

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Reuters – [Fight fires with indigenous knowledge, researchers say](#)

Oregon Public Radio – [Breathing Wildfire Smoke Every Summer Could Have Long-Term Consequences](#)

NY Times – [E.P.A. Staff Objected to Agency's New Rules on Asbestos Use, Internal Emails Show](#)

Scientific American - [Coming Soon: Acting EPA Administrator's First Big Moves on Science](#)

Washington Post – [New Native American farm fund to distribute \\$266 million in landmark civil rights settlement](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

NPR - [Wisconsin Reservation Offers a Climate Success Story and a Warning](#)

The 1A – [Sea Levels Rise on a Community Not Convinced Of Climate Change](#)

USA Today - [The heat is on for 4 more years: Extreme temperatures expected through 2022](#)

Alaska Public Media - [Decades-old federal policy placed Newtok in the path of climate change](#)

NPR – [California Company Reaches \\$119.5 Million Settlement over Massive Gas Leak](#)

Ensia – [What Are Coastal Nuclear Power Plants Doing to Address Climate Threats?](#)

Tribal Tribune – [Tribal member views: Darren McCrea releases climate change video](#)

NY Times – [‘The NEG’ Aims to Be Australia’s Latest Energy Solution. Will It Work?](#)

Carbon Brief – [Methane uptake from forest soils has ‘fallen by 77% in three decades’](#)

NY Times – Climate Fwd: [Why the Arctic Needs Mosquitoes](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Bloomberg - [EPA Doubted Fuel-Economy Freeze Would Save Lives as Claimed](#)

Bloomberg – [Carmakers Are Choking on Blue-Sky Emission Rules](#)

The 1A – [Changing Autos, Changing Climate](#)

E&E News – [Trump ‘Buy America’ review delays cleaner buses, trucks](#)

E&E News – [GOP lauds states’ rights. Why is it against Calif. car rule?](#)

NY Times – [California Strikes back against the Trump Administration’s Auto Pollution Rollback](#)

NY Times – [Designing the Death of a Plastic](#)

Popular Science - [Federal judges finally just order the EPA to ban a dangerous pesticide](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Be sure to subscribe to [EPA's IAQ Bulletins](#)

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UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Webinar for Communities on the Annual Air Trends Report and AirNow System

Date: Thursday, August 23, 2018

Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm (EDT)

Meeting Link: <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/trends-airnow>

Call in Number: 1-866-299-3188; Conference Code: 919-541-5265 (please mute your phone line)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will present a webinar on the Annual Air Trends Report and AirNow Redesign. On July 31, 2018, EPA released its annual report on air quality, tracking our nation’s progress in improving air quality since the passage of the Clean Air Act. “Our Nation’s Air: Status and Trends Through 2017” documents the considerable improvements in air quality across America over more than 45 years. During this webinar, the EPA will also demonstrate the AirNow realtime air quality system. AirNow uses the [Air Quality Index \(AQI\)](#) to tell you how clean or polluted your outdoor air is, along with associated health effects that may be of concern. The AQI translates air quality data into numbers and colors that help people understand when to take action to protect their health.

Presenters:

Arthur Zuco, U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards; email: zuco.arthur@epa.gov

Phil Dickerson, U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards; email: dickerson.phil@epa.gov

For questions regarding this webinar, please contact Lena (Vickey) Epps-Price at epps-price.lena@epa.gov or 919-541-5573.

FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel Meeting on “Evaluation of a Proposed Approach to Refine the Inhalation Risk Assessment for Point of Contact Toxicity: A Case Study Using a New Approach Methodology (NAM).” Request for Nominations and Notice of Public Meeting

EPA is seeking nominations for expert ad hoc members of the FIFRA Scientific Advisory Panel to evaluate a proposed approach to refine an inhalation risk assessments for point of contact toxicity. Panel members will review a case study using the pesticide chlorothalonil as a case study for to evaluating a new approach methodology (NAM). The panel will meet on December 4-7, 2018.

On August 8, 2018, the Agency published a Federal Register Notice announcing an opportunity:

1. to provide nominations of experts to serve as ad hoc members of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act Scientific Advisory Panel (FIFRA SAP) meeting, and
2. to review and comment on the derivation of a point of departure from an in vitro assay and the integration of the in vitro point of departure for calculation of human equivalent concentrations for inhalation risk assessment. EPA’s background paper, charge/questions to FIFRA SAP, and related supporting materials will be available by early September 2018 in docket ID number EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0517 at <http://www.regulations.gov> and on the FIFRA SAP website at <http://www.epa.gov/scipoly/sap>.

Nominations will be accepted until September 7, 2018. Nominations can be provided by following the instructions in the Federal Register announcement (EPA-HQ-OPP-2018-0517) or by forwarding the nomination to the Designated Federal Official listed below.

Nominees should be scientists with expertise and sufficient professional qualifications, including training and experience, to provide expert comments on the following issues: development and implementation of new approach methodologies (NAMs); inhalation alternative testing; inhalation toxicology; inhalation exposure assessment; inhalation/computational fluid dynamic (CFD) modeling; and human health risk assessment.

The FIFRA SAP serves as a primary scientific peer review mechanism of EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention and is structured to provide scientific advice, information, and recommendations to the EPA Administrator on pesticides and pesticide-related issues as to the impact of regulatory actions on health and the environment.

Additional information may be found in the docket, on the [FIFRA SAP website](#), or by contacting the Designated Federal Official, Dr. Marquee D. King (king.marquee@epa.gov or 202-564-3626).

OK NESHAP Delegation Update

On Friday, August 10, the Federal Register published the Proposed Oklahoma NESHAP Rule. The comment period and consultation period will close on September 10, 2018. For your convenience, below is the relevant excerpt regarding the exclusion of Indian Country:

“EPA is proposing a determination that the NESHAP program submitted by Oklahoma meets the applicable requirements of CAA section 112(l)(5) and 40 CFR part 63, subpart E. This delegation to ODEQ to implement and enforce certain NESHAP does not extend to sources or activities located in Indian country, as defined in 18 U.S.C. 1151. Oklahoma is not seeking delegation for such areas, and neither the EPA nor ODEQ is aware of any existing facilities in Indian country subject to the NESHAP being delegated. ODEQ may submit a request to expand this program to non-reservation areas of Indian country in the future, at which time the EPA would evaluate the request through the appropriate process.” 83 Fed. Reg. at 39642.

Questions about this proposal may be directed to Jeff Robinson at 214-665-6435. If you would like to engage in tribal consultation on this matter, please contact Randy Gee at 214-665-8355.

Tribal Grants Education and Technical Assistance Webinar Series Second Wednesday of Every Month at 1pm ET

[For more information, click here!](#)

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.

NTAA IAQ Work Group: Help implement IAQ priorities with NTAA.	Thursday, August 23, 2pm ET
EPA Policy Update Call: Receive updates from EPA	Thursday, August 30, 2pm ET
Wood Smoke Work Group: Join this newly formed work group to help address air quality issues arising from wood smoke	Wednesday, September 5, 3 pm ET <i>Note: this work group has a different call-in number: Dial-In Number: 1-866-299-3188</i> <i>Conference Code: 919-541-5497</i>
Volkswagen Settlement Work Group: Continue to track the ongoing developments and help guide the process	Thursday, September 6, 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 [2018-2019 AIAQTP Course Schedule](#)

Course Title	Dates	Location	Course Level
	2018		
Reviewing New Source Review (NSR) & Title V Permits	August 28-31	Pueblo of Santa Ana, NM	NA
Introduction to Tribal Air Quality	September 11-14	Flagstaff, AZ	1
Clean Air Act and Permitting	November 27-30	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	2
Air Quality in Alaska	December 11-14	Fairbanks, AK	1
	2019		
Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Communities (lower 48)	January 8-10	TBD	1

Air Quality Computations	January 29-February 1	Phoenix, AZ	1
IAQ Diagnostic Tools	February 12-15	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	2
Air Pollution Technology	March 12-15	Flagstaff, AZ	2
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke (hybrid course)	March 26-27	TBD	2
Air Quality Project Planning, QAPPs, and Grants for Alaska	April 9-12	AK	2
Fundamentals of Air Monitoring	April 16-18	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	2
Air Pollution Modeling	April 30-May 2	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	3
NTF	May		
Air Pollution and Ecosystems	June 4-7	Flagstaff, AZ	2
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke (hybrid course)	January-Marcy	Webinars	NA
Indoor Air Quality – Independent Study	Anytime	Independent Study	1
Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Cold Climates	Open	Online	1
Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Warm Climates	TBD	Online	1
Residential Building Science Review	Open	Online	1
Radon Fundamentals	Open	Online	1
Quality Assurance Fundamentals (QA 101)	Open	Online	1
Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) (QA 201-209)	Open	Online	2
Emissions Inventory (self-paced, instructor assistance as needed)	Open	Online	3

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

U.S. EPA Webinars

August 15, 1 PM (ET) – Introduction to Green Power Supply Options

Many green power supply options are available to consumers in today's market.

This Green Power Partnership webinar will provide a high-level review of each option, detail to whom and where the option is available, and discuss each option's

benefits and drawbacks. Attendees will learn about the following green power supply options: unbundled renewable energy certificates, competitive electricity products, utility green power products, community choice aggregation, self-supply, green tariffs, shared renewables, and power purchase agreements. The webinar will also provide a tutorial on [EPA's Green Power Supply Options Screening Tool](#). This free tool helps non-profit and for-profit organizations decide which supply options might work for them. Based on answers to a few simple questions, the tool returns easy-to-understand guidance about which green power supply options are available in their state.

[Register](#)

ENERGY STAR Webinars

August 22, 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](#)

August 16, 2 PM (ET) – Top 10 most under-used ENERGY STAR resources

EPA provides over 500 items in the ENERGY STAR tools and resources library based on the proven energy management principles of successful ENERGY STAR partners. Find out what resources you've been missing during this webinar. Attend this webinar if you're interested in: energy management, benchmarking competitions, financing tools, Portfolio Manager, sustainability

[Register](#)

August 21, 1 PM (ET) – ENERGY STAR and green building rating systems

Learn how to use EPA tools and resources to meet requirements for green building rating systems such as the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), the Green Globes system, IREM-Certified Sustainable Properties, and BOMA BEST.

[Register](#)

August 29, 1 PM (ET) – What changed in Portfolio Manager and why?

ENERGY STAR scores and metrics after the 8/26 update

On August 26, 2018 EPA will update the models in Portfolio Manager that power 1-100 ENERGY STAR scores with new data, based on the latest Commercial Building Energy Consumption Survey (CBECS0 from the U.S. Energy Information Administration. When metrics are updated, ENERGY STAR scores

and other performance metrics will, on average, go down. A few days after these updates, join this session to learn about what information changed in the tool and why.

[Register](#)

August 30, 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](#)

U.S. Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy Policies and Programs Webinars

August 29, 1 PM (ET) – Utility-Scale Energy Development

Utility-scale energy development is similar in many ways to smaller-scale energy development, but it can present unique challenges in key areas such as permitting, financing, interconnection to the grid, and finding customers for the energy produced. In this webinar, attendees will hear about common challenges faced by tribes for utility-scale energy development, and ideas for how to approach these challenges.

[Register](#)

Clean Energy States Alliance Webinars

August 30, 1 PM (ET) – Community Solar Program Design and Implementation for Low- and Moderate-Income Customers

Guest speakers from NREL will discuss their new report, which reviews existing and emerging LMI community solar programs, discusses key questions related to program design, outlines how states can leverage incentives and finance structures to lower the cost of LMI community solar, and examines marketing and outreach considerations.

[Register](#)

Renewable Energy Vermont

Burlington, VT, October 18-19, 2018

REV2017 brought together leaders and experts from throughout the region to address the challenges and opportunities ahead.

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

Toxics/Mobile Sources

National Tribal Transportation Conference

This year's National Tribal Transportation Conference (NTTC) will be held in Oklahoma City, OK, on September 24-27. NTTC is sponsored by the US Federal Highway Administration and will include conference tracks on grants, gravel roads, road safety, finance, success stories, and transit. The NTTC will facilitate dialogue, provide training and technical assistance, and discuss tribal transportation challenges and success stories ultimately to improve transportation infrastructure and safety. <https://nttconference.org/>

Indoor Air Quality

Increasing Adoption of Residential Wood Energy

August 29, 2018, 2pm EST

This webinar will help you better understand issues regarding heating with wood and new developments and technology.

Free StopPests Webinar Series

Contact stoppests@cornell.edu for more information on any of the below webinars:

Developing a Pest Exclusion Program for Cockroaches and Rodents

Presenter: Matt Frye Ph.D. - NYS IPM Program, Cornell University Cooperative Extension

Date: September 12th 2018

Time: 1:00pm-3:00pm Eastern

Register: https://cornell.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_x-C5zHgrSFqEuVziojCrcA

Integrated Pest Management—A Simple Solution to Problem Pests in Elderly and Disabled Public Housing

Presenters: Dawn H. Gouge, Ph.D., Shujuan (Lucy) Li, Ph.D., Shakunthala (Shaku) Nair, Ph.D. - Arizona Pest Management Center, University of Arizona—MAC, Maricopa

Date: November 14 2018

Time: 1:00pm – 2:30pm Eastern 12:00pm -1:30pm Central, 11:00am – 12:30pm Mountain, 10:00am – 11:30am Pacific

Registration: https://cornell.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dy_hKHuxRymPX6VAPIQdew

U.S. EPA has posted the IAQ Knowledge to Action Professional Training Webinar Series. The ongoing [IAQ Knowledge-to-Action Professional Training Webinar Series](#) comprises 1-hour technical, core-competency, web-based trainings designed to demonstrate how to translate the knowledge gained in the [IAQ Master Class Professional Training Webinar Series](#) into actions to improve or sustain an IAQ management program within your school or school district.

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RESOURCES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Rural Alaska Dust Toolkit

The Rural Alaska Dust Toolkit was co-developed and recently published by ADEC and EPA as a resource guide for Tribes and others working on road dust in Alaska. Download or request a copy of the Dust Toolkit to learn more about what steps you and your community can take to reduce dust in the air. You can download the Toolkit at <http://dec.alaska.gov/air/anpms/communities/pm10-rural/> or request a hard copy by emailing krauss.kayla@epa.gov.

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

Indoor Air Quality

[**Housing Counseling Disaster Recovery Toolkit Now Available**](#) is a new online guide created to help Housing Counseling Agencies prepare for disaster events and engage with local partners that receive funding following disasters. The toolkit features two related guides: [Preparing for A Disaster](#) and [Operating Post Disaster](#).

[**HEROS for Tribes and Tribal Partners Webinar Recording**](#). HUD Environmental Review Online System (HEROS) for both Part 50 and Part 58 Environmental Reviews in [HEROS](#).

[**Check out IAQ Radio!**](#)

This is the place where the world discusses indoor air quality, the built environment and disaster restoration issues. Every Friday at noon ET the show is live. The show's host are Joe Hughes, President of IAQ Training Institute and Cliff Zlotnik, President of IDEAZ, LLC. Every week we interview experts from the indoor air quality, building sciences and disaster restoration industry.

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

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Now Hiring!

Northern Arizona University's Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals is hiring for the position of Technology Specialist III.

Application deadline: August 20, 2018

This position is subject to the availability of funding. This is a full-time 40-hour per week job located at the Tribal Air Monitoring Support Center within the US EPA National Center for Radiation Field Operations in Las Vegas, NV and is benefit eligible. Candidate may negotiate work location. Frequent travel is required (approximately 12 trips/year). Weekends may be required but on a very infrequent basis. This position reports to the ITEP TAMS Co-Director. Salary is commensurate with experience. [Click here for more information](#).

Clean Energy for a Healthy Arizona is hiring a Field Organizer

Temporary position that will last until the end of the November 2018 election cycle. [More information here.](#)

University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources is hiring a Western Integrated Pest Management Center Director

Closing date: August 27, 2018

[More information here!](#)

Grand Canyon Trust is hiring a Field Attorney

Application deadline: August 31, 2018

[More information on their website.](#)

Grand Canyon Trust is hiring an Ancestral Lands Program Manager

Application deadline: September 1, 2018

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

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

EPA Solicits Proposals for Pollution Prevention Grants. Proposals due August 23, 2018

EPA is announcing a grant competition to fund two-year Source Reduction Assistance (SRA) agreements that support source reduction approaches (also known as “pollution prevention” or “P2”). Grant proposals must carry out project activities using one or more of the following methods – surveys, studies, research, investigation, experimentation, education, training and/or demonstrations.

EPA plans to award approximately \$2 million in federal grant funding over a two-year funding cycle (\$1 million in FY 2018 and \$1 million in FY 2019) to support SRA agreements offered as grants and/or cooperative agreements. Please note that the potential amounts stated above are estimates only, and the amount of grant funding awarded will be dependent on Congressional appropriations, funding availability, the quality of proposals received, satisfactory performance and other applicable considerations. The solicitation for this grant competition and more information can be found at: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=307060> and at: <https://www.epa.gov/p2/grant-programs-pollution-prevention#sra>.

For further information, please contact Michele Amhaz, phone: 202-564-8857, email: amhaz.michele@epa.gov

Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration YouthBuild Grant Opportunity

Closing date: September 18, 2018

[More information here.](#)

National Academies' Gulf Research Program Announces \$10 Million Grant Opportunity for Enhancing Coastal Community Resilience in the Gulf of Mexico Region

<http://www8.nationalacademies.org/onpinews/newsitem.aspx?RecordID=07252018>

The Gulf Research Program (GRP) of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine today announced a new grant opportunity focused on enhancing coastal community resilience and well-being in the Gulf of Mexico region. The GRP intends to award up to \$10 million to projects bringing together researchers and practitioners to collaborate on efforts that increase understanding of how community attributes and systems affect resilience and provide actionable information that can be used to implement policies and practices to enhance resilience.

Applications for this funding opportunity have two stages. A required letter of intent is due Sept. 19, 2018, by 5 p.m. EDT. For those who submit a letter of intent, a full proposal is then due by Nov. 28, 2018, by 5 p.m. EDT. Awards will be made to projects lasting up to 36 months. Announcement of the awards is expected in the spring or summer of 2019. For more information about this opportunity, how to apply, and past GRP grants awarded on this topic, visit www.nas.edu/gulf/grants.

FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program Grants for Fiscal Year 2018 – Opens October 1, 2018

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is announcing that \$395.2 million in funding is available through two Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) <<https://www.fema.gov/hazard-mitigation-assistance>> grant programs: Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) <<https://www.fema.gov/flood-mitigation-assistance-grant-program>> and Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) <<https://www.fema.gov/pre-disaster-mitigation-grant-program>>. These competitive grant programs assist state, local, tribal, and territorial governments in strengthening our nation's ability to reduce disaster losses and protect life and property from future disaster damages.

Beginning on August 3, potential applicants can review the FY 18 FMA and PDM Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for details such as eligibility,

funding guidelines and evaluation criteria. The NOFO for FMA and PDM is available online at www.grants.gov<<http://www.grants.gov>> and additional information is available at [FEMA.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

Flood Mitigation Assistance

The National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 establishes the goal of reducing or eliminating claims under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)<<https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-insurance-program>> through long-term mitigation actions. For the FMA program, the agency's predetermined funding priorities include flood mitigation planning and efforts for repetitive as well as severe repetitive loss properties. In this application cycle, \$160 million is available in FMA grant funds. There is a set-aside of \$70 million for community advance assistance and flood mitigation projects. The remainder of the FY18 FMA grants will continue to focus on reducing or eliminating the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures, flood hazard mitigation planning, as well as technical assistance for applicants who were awarded FMA grant program funds totaling at least \$1 million in the FY17 funding cycle.

Pre-Disaster Mitigation

As authorized under the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act),<<https://www.fema.gov/robert-t-stafford-disaster-relief-and-emergency-assistance-act-public-law-93-288-amended>> the PDM Program is designed to implement a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program with the goal of reducing overall risk to the population and structures from future hazard events. FEMA selects eligible planning and project sub-applications for the PDM program which fulfill statutory requirements and competitive mitigation activities that limit duplication of other HMA grant programs as provided in the agency's predetermined priorities for funding. For FY18, FEMA has set-aside \$15 million of the \$235.2 million in PDM funding for federally recognized tribes.

As required in the Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act)<<https://www.fema.gov/robert-t-stafford-disaster-relief-and-emergency-assistance-act-public-law-93-288-amended>>, FEMA will provide the remainder of grant funding allocations to states and territories. These funds will be awarded on a competitive basis. FEMA's highest priority for competitive sub-applications is multi-state/tribal mitigation initiatives. In addition, FEMA's funding priorities are intended to avoid duplication of programs by providing pre-disaster funding to areas without post-disaster funding available through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP); and funding mitigation activities that cannot be funded by the FMA grant program.

FEMA is offering a series of informational webinars for interested applicants to provide an overview of the grant programs and details about the

agency's funding priorities and review process. Interested applicants can attend any one of the four planned sessions.

August: Wednesday, August 15

Time: 2 p.m. Eastern Time (1 pm Central, 12 pm Mountain, 11 am Pacific) Adobe

Connect: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/nof18/>

Phone: 1-800-320-4330 Code: 338559#

August: Thursday, August 16

Time: 12 p.m. Eastern Time (11 a.m. Central, 10 am Mountain, 9 am Pacific)

Adobe Connect: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/nof18/>

Phone: 1-800-320-4330 Code: 338559#

September: Wednesday, September 12

Time: 2 p.m. Eastern Time (1 pm Central, 12 pm Mountain, 11 am Pacific) Adobe

Connect: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/nof18/>

Phone: 1-800-320-4330 Code: 338559#

September: Thursday, September 13

Time: 12 p.m. Eastern Time (11 am Central, 10 am Mountain, 9 am Pacific) Adobe

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Additional webinars are also scheduled about the eGrants program. For a complete list of dates and times, visit <https://www.fema.gov/2018-nof18-webinar-schedule>.

Climate Change/Energy

DOI Geological Survey National Climate Adaptation Science Center Program - \$2,700,000

Application Due: September 21, 2018

Eligible Entities: State governments, local governments, tribal entities

The National Climate Adaptation Science Center (NCASC), formerly known as the National Climate Change & Wildlife Science Center Program, is issuing this Announcement to identify organizations that propose to host or, as applicable, serve as consortium partners for a Department of the Interior (DOI) Climate Adaptation Science Center (CASC) in the regions indicated below, and to determine if their proposed science, partnership, and program support activities and strategies are appropriate to serve in these roles.

- Northeast Climate Adaptation Science Center (NE CASC)
- Pacific Islands Climate Adaptation Science Center (PI CASC)
- South Central Climate Adaptation Science Center (SC CASC)

The goal of each CASC is to work with managers of land; water; fish and wildlife; and nearshore, coastal, and cultural heritage resources to identify high priority resource management and decision needs for which information on climate/global change, impacts, and adaptation is needed, and to develop (through co-development where possible) scientific information and tools that can help managers develop strategies, policies, programs, and activities for responding to climate/global change. For more information, visit the [funding opportunity description](#).

Toxics/Mobile Sources

U.S. DOT Opportunity for Tribal Transit Projects

The U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) announced the opportunity to apply for [\\$5 million in competitive grant funding](#) to support transit for Native American tribes and Alaska Native villagers in rural areas. The funding program supports projects that will provide greater access to jobs, schools, and health care in tribal areas where transit is currently limited or nonexistent. Applicants should indicate how the funding will help improve the quality of life of the tribe through increased ridership, elimination of gaps in service, and increased reliability.

Date Posted: 7/11/2018

Date Closed: 9/10/2018

Opportunity ID:

FTA-2018-001-TPM-TR

Grant Program:

[Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program; Tribal Transit Program](#)

Opportunity Announcement TXT:

[Tribal Transit Program Opportunity Announcement \(text\)](#)

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EPA FY 2018 and FY 2019 Source Reduction Assistance Grant Program - \$2 million

Applications Due: August 23, 2018

Eligible Entities: States, territories, local governments, independent school governments, tribes and intertribal consortia

EPA is announcing a grant competition to fund two-year Source Reduction Assistance (SRA) agreements that support source reduction approaches (also known as "pollution prevention" and herein referred to as "P2"). P2 means

reducing or eliminating pollutants from entering any waste stream or otherwise released into the environment *prior to recycling, treatment, or disposal*. EPA is interested in receiving proposals that:

- Offer practical pollution prevention (P2) tools or approaches to measurably improve the environmental footprints of state agencies, federally-recognized tribes, intertribal consortia, businesses, municipal/local governments and/or local communities while also supporting efficiency to reduce resource use, expenditures, waste and liability costs.
- Adhere to the statutory authorities for this program by using one or more of these technical assistance methods: a) research, b) investigation, c) experiments, d) education, e) training, f) studies and/or g) demonstration of innovative techniques – to carry out source reduction/P2 activities.
- Place additional emphasis on documenting and sharing P2 best practices and innovations identified and developed through these grants so that others can replicate these approaches and outcomes.
- Focus project activities on one or more of the P2 Program’s National Emphasis Areas: Business-Based Pollution Prevention Solutions Supporting Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Priorities and Chemical Safety; Food and Beverage Manufacturing and Processing; and, Hazardous Materials Source Reduction Approaches in States or Communities

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

EPA Tribal Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program FY18 – \$2 million

Applications Due: September 6, 2018

Eligible Entities: Tribal governments and Alaska Native Villages that have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality

EPA’s Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting proposals nationwide for projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions in terms of tons of pollution produced by diesel engines and diesel emissions exposure, particularly from fleets located in areas designated as having poor air quality. Further, priority for funding will be given to projects that result in outcomes that benefit affected communities, those that engage affected communities with respect to the design and performance of the project, and those which can demonstrate the ability to promote and continue efforts to reduce emissions after the project has ended. For more information, visit the Clean Diesel Tribal Grants [web page](#).

Indoor Air Quality

September 25, 2018, Is the New Extended Deadline for the HUD 2018 Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction NOFA

HUD is asking for your help on an important opportunity to improve children's lives. You may know of city, county or state leadership who should be aware of this opportunity.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes is extending the application period for its 2018 grants to state and local governments to control lead and other housing hazards in privately owned, low-income housing.

The new deadline for receiving applications is now September 25, 2018. First-time grantees can receive up to \$2.3 million for these 3½-year grants; previous grantees, up to \$4.1 million. Please [click here](#) for the funding notice and to apply.

[Click here](#) to register for an August 22, 2018, interactive webinar on this funding opportunity. The webinar will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. EDT. Again, HUD urges you to reach out to city, county or state leadership and encourage them to apply. Learn more about how to apply by contacting Shannon Steinbauer at shannon.e.steinbauer@hud.gov or 202-402-6885 (or by TTY at 800-877-8339). Also, please check out the [program website](#) for frequently asked questions and a link to additional resources about the program.

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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