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The New York Times - [Court Blocks EPA Effort to Suspend Obama-Era Methane Rule](#)

E&E News – [D.C. Circuit rejects EPA bid to delay methane rule](#)

Seattle PI - [Connelly: Stop flouting the Clean Air Act](#)

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Indianz - [Tribes plan renewable energy projects with help of \\$7.8M in federal funds](#)

Indianz - [Cronkite News: Navajo Nation prepares for changes at coal power plant](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

Indian Country Today - [Climate Change Is Shrinking the Colorado River](#)

Climate Central - [Climate Change Will Hit the Poorest the Hardest in the U.S.](#)

Think Progress - [Climate kids to get their day in court against the Trump administration](#)

The Washington Post - [Scientists find a surprising result on global wildfires: They're actually burning less land](#)

NPR - [Hundreds Flee Arizona Blaze As Conditions Spur Numerous Wildfires Across Southwest](#)

NPR – [Researchers Analyze Economic Impact Of Climate Change In The U.S.](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

EPA - [EPA awards \\$513K to Alaska & Washington tribes to protect communities from diesel emissions](#)

Los Angeles Times - [Volkswagen submits revised plan for installing charging stations as part of emission-cheating settlement](#)

Indoor Air Quality

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

KCWY13 News - [Dangers of Indoor Air Quality](#)

Trusted Reviews - [Foobot Indoor Air Quality Monitor review](#)

KUTV.Com - [Non Smokers At Risk For Lung Cancer: Radon](#)

Photo from the field



Flames and smoke rise from a fire near Mayer, Ariz. By Thursday, the Goodwin Fire had burned more than 20,000 acres and was just 1 percent contained.

Jennifer Johnson/AP

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UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

The Paris Agreement and Indigenous Climate Voices: Join the Indigenous Environmental Network for a webinar to hear from Indigenous Climate Voices on what the Paris decision means for indigenous communities and how communities are working to be resilient in the face of climate change. Begins at 8 PM EST tomorrow, July 6--click [here](#) to register.

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!

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

DRAFT FY 2018-2019 National Program Manager Documents Available and Upcoming Guidance Tribal Consultation Call

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>. **Note:** *At this time, you will find a few draft NPM Guidance documents currently available online. Drafts are undergoing review by EPA Senior Leadership and will continue to be periodically released. EPA anticipates that all drafts will be released by July 5th.*

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. Details for participating in the call are included directly below:

EPA's FY 2018-2019 Draft National Program Manager (NPM) Guidance Tribal Consultation Call

Date: Tuesday, July 11th

Time: 3:15pm – 4:30pm EST

Phone and Code: #1-866-299-3188 with an access code of #202-564-3020

Adobe Connect: <http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/r2n02plqsrx/>

You may also visit EPA's Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System (TCOTS) for additional information:

<https://tcots.epa.gov/apex/tcotspub/f?p=121:1:16769606131786>.

If you have any questions about the consultation process, please contact Emily Heller at heller.emily@epa.gov or 202-564-3332.

Public Hearing on the Oil and Gas New Source Performance Standards: Proposed Three-Month Stay and Two-Year Stay

The hearing will be held on July 1-, 2017, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (EST). For more information [click here](#).

National Air Quality Conference Registration Open and Call for Abstracts

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA) and the Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies (AAPCA) invite you to attend this year's National Air Quality Conference, which will be held Monday - Wednesday, September 11-13, 2017, in Austin, Texas. Air quality professionals from federal, state, local and tribal air pollution organizations, metropolitan and regional planning organizations, environmental and research organizations, and industry representatives are encouraged to participate to learn the latest information on air quality forecasting and mapping, air quality and your health, and innovative outreach programs. For

more information and to register [click here](#). If you are interested in participating as a speaker or poster presenter for the 2017 National Air Quality Conference, please [click here](#) for more information. All abstracts are due Monday, July 10, 2017.

EPA Office of Water announces participation opportunities and activities related to the Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act.

- **Registration Open for the 2017 Tribal Lands and Environment Forum (TLEF).**

This year's Tribal Lands and Environment forum will be held at the COX Business Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma, August 14-17, 2017. The Forum will feature trainings, field trips, and breakout sessions focused on solid/hazardous waste management, brownfields, UST/LUSTs, Superfund sites, and emergency response. Tribal water program topics will include breakout sessions, trainings, and field trips related to water quality, drinking water, and habitat restoration (including wetlands, streams, and fisheries).

Registration for the event is now open. For more information and to register: http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_tlef.

The U.S. EPA 2017 International Emission Inventory Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore on the Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, MD August 14-18, 2017. This conference will focus on how emission inventories meet the challenges posed by improving emissions inventory science and also streamline inventory creation processes to improve the resulting inventories. [Click here](#) to learn more about the conference and how to submit abstracts.

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 AIAQTP Course Schedule](#)

Course Title	Dates	Location
2017		
Reviewing NSR and Title V Permits	July 11-14	Fargo, ND
Indoor Air Quality – Level 1	September 26-28	Pacific Northwest
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 23-26	Flagstaff, AZ
Air Quality Computations	February 27-March 2	Phoenix, AZ
Air Pollution Technology	March 20-23	Flagstaff, AZ
Quality Assurance (QA) Fundamentals	Open	Online
Building Performance: Improving Energy Efficiency & IAQ in Cold Climates	Open	Online
Radon Fundamentals	Open	Online
Emissions Inventory - Fundamentals	Closed	Online
Emissions Inventory - Advanced	Closed	Online
Wildfire and Air Quality	Dates TBD	Online

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

Science to Action Community Group calls for stories.

Science to Action is partnering with dozens of other organizations to compile testimonials about what federal climate, environmental, or equity programs mean to Americans and why they are worth preserving. To do this though, they need

your stories! Please go to [this website](#) and insert information about what federal climate, environmental, or equity programs you want to make sure are protected and the value you have received from those programs. Compiled testimonials will be used to support ongoing efforts to save valued federal programs and initiatives. For example, they may use testimonials (with permission) to draft a series of media stories that demonstrate the value of at-risk federal climate, environmental, and equity initiatives or to create short fact sheets for members of Congress. Please help in this important work by sharing your stories [here](#).

Southwestern Tribal Climate Change Summit

The La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians, Institute of Tribal Environmental Professionals and the University of San Diego are collaborating on the 2017 Southwestern Tribal Climate Change Summit.

Event: *2017 Southwestern Climate Change Summit*

Location: *University of San Diego*

When: *September 19-21, 2017*

More information including registration details will be provided in the near future. *If you have any questions, please direct them to:* Nikki.Cooley@nau.edu

6th Annual Arizona Student Energy Conference (AZSEC) on Renewable Energy Science, Technology, and Policy will be held on October 19th & 20th, 2017

Location: Arizona State University, Tempe, ASU Memorial Union

Online registration July 15 – September 15

Join us for 2 exciting days of student presentations, poster session & prizes, faculty lectures, site tours, and more!

Possible site tour on 10/18 as well.

More information to come later this month at www.energy.arizona.edu/AZSEC

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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>.

The Alliance for Green Heat announces the webinar “Automated wood stoves: technology, policy and barriers”

Date and Time: Thursday, June 29, 2017 - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM ET

Presenters: Dr. Ricardo Carvalho, Thermochemical Conversion Energy Laboratory; Scott Nichols, Tarm Biomass

Topic: The presenters will discuss technology that can be used to automate wood stove operation. Sensors and controllers can improve combustion efficiency and reduce air pollution. Automated controls can also improve ease of use and open the market to younger, more environmentally conscious consumers who want greater convenience, safety and smart phone connectivity.

Register: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8938771531938759169>

This webinar supports the Alliance's 4th Wood Stove Competition that will focus on automation and electricity generation. Click [here](#) to learn more!

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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](#).

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

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 Administrator's 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>

Wildland Fire Sensors Challenge

Six federal agencies have announced a Wildland Fire Sensors Challenge seeking an accurate, lower-cost, and low-maintenance air quality monitoring system that

can be used during a wildfire or controlled fire. The data provided by the sensor system will help federal, state, local and tribal agencies protect the health of first responders and communities affected by the smoke.

Developers are encouraged to submit a prototype sensor system that measures fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), carbon monoxide (CO), ozone (O₃) and carbon dioxide (CO₂). The system should be capable of rapid deployment and continuous real-time monitoring of highly dynamic air pollution levels during a fire event. Developers should also aim for designs that are easy to use and self-powered; include location data; and wirelessly transmit data to a central data-receiving station.

Written submissions are due by **Nov. 22, 2017** and prototypes must be submitted by **Jan. 5, 2018**. The sensor systems will be evaluated in government specialty labs based on 1) accuracy over a wide range of pollutant levels, 2) system cost, and 3) operation requirements relevant for wildland fire deployment. All developers who submit prototypes will receive direct feedback on laboratory tests and end user review.

The Challenge total award pool is \$60,000, which may be awarded in total to one winner if all the requirements are met, or divided into several partial awards. Prize winner(s) will be selected following the conclusion of judging in summer 2018.

To learn more, visit: www.challenge.gov/challenge/wildland-fire-sensors-challenge

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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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.'

Climate Change/Energy

Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program FY 2017, Environmental Protection Agency

Full details [here](#)

Applications close July 5, 2017.

Award Ceiling: varies

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 operating at or servicing goods movement facilities located in areas designated as having poor air quality. Further, priority for funding may be given to projects which 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. Eligible entities include regional, state, or local agencies, tribal governments (or intertribal consortia) and native villages, or port authorities, which have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality, and nonprofit organizations or institutions that: a) represent or provide pollution reduction or educational services to persons or organizations that own or operate diesel fleets or b) have, as their principal purpose, the promotion of transportation or air quality.

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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

EPA Rules posted today from the Federal Register for Wednesday, July 5, 2017. (Past copies can be accessed [here](#)).

Rule

Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Approvals and Promulgations: KY; Redesignation of Kentucky Portion of Cincinnati-Hamilton 2008 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area to Attainment FR Document: [2017-13994](#) Citation: 82 FR 30976 [PDF](#) Pages 30976-30979 (*4 pages*) [Permalink](#)

Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for Dental Category FR Document: [C2-2017-12338](#) Citation: 82 FR 30997 [PDF](#) Page 30997 (*1 page*) [Permalink](#)

Pesticide Tolerances:

Flubendiamide FR Document: [2017-14108](#) Citation: 82 FR 30979 [PDF](#) Pages 30979-30982 (*4 pages*) [Permalink](#)

Indaziflam FR Document: [2017-14107](#) Citation: 82 FR 30982 [PDF](#) Pages 30982-30987 (*6 pages*) [Permalink](#)

Pyroxsulam FR Document: [2017-14091](#) Citation: 82 FR 30987 [PDF](#) Pages 30987-30990 (*4 pages*) [Permalink](#)

Tolerance Exemptions:

Oxirane, 2-methyl, polymer with oxirane, hydrogen sulfate, ammonium salt and potassium salt FR Document: [2017-14111](#) Citation: 82 FR 30990 [PDF](#) Pages 30990-30993 (*4 pages*) [Permalink](#)

Titanium dioxide FR Document: [2017-14099](#) Citation: 82 FR 30993 [PDF](#)
Pages 30993-30997 (5 pages) [Permalink](#)

Notice

Certain New Chemicals or Significant New Uses:

Statements of Findings for March 2017 FR Document: [2017-14084](#)
Citation: 2 FR 31060 [PDF](#) Pages 31060-31061 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

Pesticide Emergency Exemptions:

Agency Decisions and State and Federal Agency Crisis Declarations FR
Document: [2017-14089](#) Citation: 82 FR 31056 [PDF](#) Pages 31056-31058 (3
pages) [Permalink](#)

Pesticide Product Registrations:

Product Cancellation Order for Certain Pesticide Registrations FR
Document: [2017-14088](#) Citation: 82 FR 31058 [PDF](#) Pages 31058-31060 (3
pages) [Permalink](#)

Registration Reviews:

**Aliphatic Esters, Mepiquat Chloride and Mepiquat Pentaborate,
Propylene Glycol and Dipropylene Glycol, Triethylene Glycol,
Bromuconazole, and Case Closures for ADAO, DMHMP, and Nuosept 145** FR
Document: [2017-14096](#) Citation: 82 FR 31055 [PDF](#) Pages 31055-31056 (2
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