



National Tribal Air Association

NTAA Weekly Update

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TOP STORIES

New York Times - [Trump Lays Plans to Reverse Obama's Climate Change Legacy](#)

Military Times – [The White House doubts climate change. Here's why the Pentagon does not](#)

E&E News - [Appeals court sides with EPA in 2 Navajo coal plant cases](#)

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Washington Post - [Kaine and Warner push for federal recognition for 6 Virginia tribes](#)

WUNC – [Trump's plan for the EPA is death by "a thousand cuts"](#)

Targeted News Services - [EPA Issues Rule for Technical Correction to National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter](#)

Washington Post – [People are sending EPA employees chocolate chip cookies and thank you cards](#)

Climate Central - [Polluters Could 'More Easily' Commit Crimes Under Cuts](#)

Greenwire - [Pruitt's Okla. posse arrives at agency](#)

Los Angeles Times - [State unveils a 10-year plan to restore habitat and control toxic dust storms along the Salton Sea's receding shoreline](#)

Indians.com – [Native Sun News Today: Oglala Sioux Tribe battles uranium mining](#)

U.S. EPA – [EPA Continues Reimbursing Gold King Mine Costs](#)

New York Times - [Flecks of Extraterrestrial Dust, All Over the Roof](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

CNN - [Is there a link between climate change and diabetes?](#)

Inside Climate News - [State of the Warming Climate in 2016: 'Truly Uncharted Territory'](#)

Arizona Daily Sun - [Native groups weigh in on coal plant's future](#)

Newsweek – [Climate Change Always a “Core Mission” of the EPA, No Matter What Pruitt Says](#)

The Guardian – [CO₂ emissions stay same for third year in a row – despite global economy growing](#)

Indian Country Media Network – [Spring Moving Forward at Record Rate](#)

Indian Country Media Network – [Climate Shrinks Colorado River Flow](#)

BBC - [Plans for coal-fired power plants drop by almost half in 2016](#)

Washington Post – [Coal in the Trump age: Industry has a pulse, but prospects for jobs are weak](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Indian Country Today OpEd - [The Filth of North Dakota: The Garbage and Pollution That Was Already There](#)

New York Times - [Offices of Volkswagen and Audi Chiefs Searched in Raid, Warrant Says](#)

Reuters – [California ready to pursue clean car standards as Trump brakes](#)

Politico – [Trump takes steps toward undoing Obama’s auto emissions limits](#)

Christian Science Monitor – [Cloudy with a chance of contrails: NASA clears up skies with new fuel](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Geeky Gadgets - [Orange Pi Mini PC Powered Indoor Air Quality Monitor](#)

Photos from the field

New Republic – [Air Pollution Denial Is the New Climate Denial](#)



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UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

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

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

2017 STAR Work Group: Help NTAA draft and publish the next Status of Tribal Air Report. <i>Tribal photos wanted for 2017 STAR. Please submit to NTAA staff Elaine Wilson at Elaine.Wilson@nau.edu</i>	On the following Wednesdays at 1pm ET: March 22, and March 29, April 12, and April 19
NTAA/EPA Policy Call: Receive updates from the EPA as related to the NTAA and Tribal Air Policy	Thursday, March 30, 2pm ET
National Tribal Forum on Air Quality Planning Call: Open to all planning committee members	Wednesday, April 5, 2pm ET
NTAA EC Call: Monthly NTAA Executive Committee update call	Monday, April 10, 2pm ET
IAQ call: Open to anyone who would like to be involved with the Indoor Air Quality work group	Thursday, April 13, 2pm ET

U.S. EPA is hosting a webinar that will be a demonstration of the new SCC (Source Classification Code) Web Service. Through this service your system can link up to the most updated list of SCCs. EPA would like you to be aware that this service is available, what it is, how it works, and how you can plug into it for use with your own system.

We would like you to attend if you are:

- 1) Staff from State, Local and Tribal (SLT) authorities who use SCCs for emissions data submissions
- 2) SLT IT system developers who would link state electronic submission systems to the new Web Service

Date: March 27, 2016 at 1:00pm - 2:00pm (Eastern)

Call-in: [866-299-3188](tel:866-299-3188) Conference code: [919-541-3993](tel:919-541-3993)

Virtual meeting room: <http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/frs-meeting-room/>

Registration for the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ) is now open! The National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ) provides an opportunity to meet, exchange ideas, and discuss current topics relevant to tribes in air quality and climate change. [Click here for all details and registration.](#)

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.

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](#)

ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program Course Calendar:

Course Title	Dates	Location
2017		
Fundamentals of Air Monitoring (for lower 48)	April 4-6	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Project Planning, QAPPs, and Grants for Alaska	April 4-6	Anchorage, AK
Introduction to Tribal Air Quality	June 6-9	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
Disaster Planning for 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

Toxic / Mobile Sources

The National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA) has established a [repository for state and local agency information and links](#) pertaining to the Volkswagen (VW) settlement and the Mitigation Trust Fund. The information accessible from the repository includes state and local agency webpages, public outreach materials, drafts of documents, etc.

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RESOURCES

Now Hiring!

The Navajo Nation's Department of Personnel Management is now hiring for the position of Environmental Program Supervisor. This position will oversee the Navajo Nation's EPA/Air & Toxics Department/Air Quality Control Program/Operating Permit Program located in Fort Defiance, AZ. The Navajo Nation gives preference to eligible and qualified applicants in accordance with the Navajo Preference in Employment Act and Veterans' Preference.

[Click here for more information](#) and [click here to apply](#).

The Navajo Nation's Department of Personnel Management is now hiring for the position of Emergency Management Director

The Navajo Nation gives preference to eligible and qualified applicants in accordance with the Navajo Preference in Employment Act and Veterans' Preference.

[Click here for more information](#) and [click here to apply](#).

Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT)

The [Southern Ute Indian Tribe \(SUIT\)](#) is now hiring an Air Enforcement Coordinator. Position closes 3/28/2017. [Click here](#) for more information.

The 1854 Treaty Authority located in Duluth, MN is hiring an [Invasive Species Aide](#) and a [Fish and Wildlife Aide](#). Have the time of your life on an electrofishing boat, enjoy every day outdoors conducting surveys, and beef up your resume with an enormous amount of experience with our fish and wildlife management and research programs! Applications are due Friday April 7th.

BIA Student Internship Job Announcements

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Office of Trust Services (OTS) is continually seeking scientists and technicians in a range of STEM-related disciplines to protect, conserve, utilize, and manage Indian forest and agricultural lands and resources, including water and power. BIA is recruiting for several internship positions working across various Agriculture and Rangeland Management or Forestry and Wildland Fire Management programs. Students can intern with the BIA or with a tribal related program. Intern job vacancy announcements are posted to USAJOBS and can be found at www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads.

King County Department of Natural Resources, Water, and Land Resources

is recruiting staff for the summer to support King County's stream benthic macroinvertebrate monitoring program. This opportunity is for a few months in the summer and would be ideal for someone in college or starting out in their career to get some experience in benthic macroinvertebrate sampling in a robust and well-established monitoring program. Contact Deb Lester for more information:

Deborah.Lester@kingcounty.gov

Tamarisk Coalition hiring Restoration Coordinator Position

Deadline to apply is April 17, 2017

More information [here](#) and [here](#).

1854 Treaty Authority is hiring for two positions: an Invasive Species Aide and a Fish and Wildlife Aide.

Applications for both positions are due Friday, April 7th. [Click here](#) for more information.

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U.S. HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) Code Talk:
[Codetalk Homepage:](#)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

National Park Service Historic Preservation Fund Tribal Heritage Grants

Closing date for applications is **March 24, 2017**. [Find more information here.](#)
Grants awarded are between \$5,000-\$60,000.

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

Indoor Air Quality

U.S. HUD' [CodeTalk Newsletter](#)

U.S. HUD - HUD recently published our 2017 Imminent Threat Grants Guidance to provide Tribes with resources to address pressing air quality issues. [Click here](#) for more information.

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Most Recent Listing: EPA Rules from the Federal Register

There are no contents of the Federal Register for Wednesday, March 22, 2017. (Past copies can be accessed [here](#)).

Rule

Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Approvals and Promulgations: California; North Coast Unified Air Quality Management District; Limited Federal Implementation Plan; Prevention of Significant Deterioration Requirements for Fine Particulate Matter

FR Document: [2017-05557](#) Citation: 82 FR 14608 [PDF](#) Pages 14608-14611 (4 pages) [Permalink](#)

Georgia; Atlanta; Requirements for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard

FR Document: [2017-05459](#) Citation: 82 FR 14611 [PDF](#) Pages 14611-14614 (4 pages) [Permalink](#)

Pesticide Tolerances:

Cloquintocet-mexyl

FR Document: [2017-05705](#) Citation: 82 FR 14620 [PDF](#) Pages 14620-14623 (4 pages) [Permalink](#)

Cyantraniliprole

FR Document: [2017-05707](#) Citation: 82 FR 14623 [PDF](#) Pages 14623-14631 (9 pages) [Permalink](#)

Tolerance Exemptions:

Aspergillus flavus AF36

FR Document: [2017-05720](#) Citation: 82 FR 14631 [PDF](#) Pages 14631-14632 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

Fatty Acids, Montan-Wax, Ethoxylated

FR Document: [2017-05721](#) Citation: 82 FR 14614 [PDF](#) Pages 14614-14617 (4 pages) [Permalink](#)

Isoamyl Acetate

FR Document: [2017-05701](#) Citation: 82 FR 14617 [PDF](#) Pages 14617-14620 (4 pages) [Permalink](#)

Octadecanoic acid, 12-hydroxy-, homopolymer, ester with α , α' , α'' -1,2,3-propanetriyltris[ω -hydroxypoly(oxy-1,2-ethanediyl)]

FR Document: [2017-05708](#) Citation: 82 FR 14633 [PDF](#) Pages 14633-14636 (4 pages) [Permalink](#)

Polyglycerol polyricinoleate

FR Document: [2017-05703](#) Citation: 82 FR 14636 [PDF](#) Pages 14636-14639 (4 pages) [Permalink](#)

Proposed Rule

Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Approvals and Promulgations: Georgia; Atlanta; Requirements for 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard

FR Document: 2017-05461 Citation: 82 FR 14670 [PDF](#) Pages 14670-14671 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

Oregon; Permitting and General Rule Revisions

FR Document: [2017-05463](#) Citation: 82 FR 14654 [PDF](#) Pages 14654-14670 (17 pages) [Permalink](#)

Washington: General Regulations for Air Pollution Sources, Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council

FR Document: [2017-05467](#) Citation: 82 FR 14648 [PDF](#) Pages 14648-14654 (7 pages) [Permalink](#)

Determination of Mid-Term Evaluation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards:

Model Year 2022-2025 Light Duty Vehicles

FR Document: [2017-05316](#) Citation: 82 FR 14671 [PDF](#) Pages 14671-14672 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

Notice

Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposals, Submissions, and Approvals:

National Volatile Organic Compound Emission Standards for Consumer Products

FR Document: [2017-05662](#) Citation: 82 FR 14714 [PDF](#) Pages 14714-14715 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

Meetings:**Board of Scientific Counselors Homeland Security Subcommittee; Teleconference**

FR Document: [2017-05709](#) Citation: 82 FR 14713 [PDF](#) Pages 14713-14714 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

Chartered Science Advisory Board; Teleconference

FR Document: [2017-05718](#) Citation: 82 FR 14723 [PDF](#) Pages 14723-14724 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

National and Governmental Advisory Committees

FR Document: [2017-05719](#) Citation: 82 FR 14723 [PDF](#) Page 14723 (1 page) [Permalink](#)

Science Advisory Board Chemical Assessment Advisory Committee; Teleconferences

FR Document: [2017-05702](#) Citation: 82 FR 14716 [PDF](#) Page 14716 (1 page) [Permalink](#)

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