



National Tribal Air Association

NTAA Weekly Update

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TOP STORIES

NEW NTAA Policy Response Kit for Tribes!

The NTAA encourages you to use NTAA’s latest Policy Response Kit to comment on the Proposed Repeal of the Clean Power Plan. Comments to EPA are due by January 16, 2018. NTAA’s PRK includes the comment letter NTAA submitted, a Fact Sheet, and a Comment Letter Template for Tribes to use. [Click here to access the PRK.](#)

This is a separate action than the Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to Consider CPP Replacement (see that [Federal Register notice here](#)). The deadline to submit comments for the ANPR is February 26, 2018.

The NTAA requests your participation in producing the **2018 Status of Tribal Air Report (STAR)**. The STAR Work Group will meet by telephone every other Wednesday from January 10 through the end of April at 1pm ET. To join the first call on January 10 at 1pm ET, call the NTAA conference call number 1-805-309-2350, or toll free 1-800-309-2350, and enter call code 928-523-0526#. Also contact NTAA’s Dara Marks Marino at Dara.Marks-Marino@nau.edu in order to receive email updates and the link to the GoToWebinar for the calls.

The 2018 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality will be held on May 14-17 in Duluth, Minnesota!

The NTF provides environmental professionals from tribes, EPA, and other organizations an opportunity to meet and discuss current policies, regulatory initiatives, technical, and other relevant topics in air quality and climate change.

- Optional training sessions on Monday 5/4
- \$75 registration fee (online registration opens in January)
- Scholarship support for tribal attendees
- Sponsorship opportunities available

Be sure to check www.nau.edu/ntfaq for updates.

Many funding opportunities posted below! With the start of a new year comes many new funding opportunities. Don’t miss the “Funding Opportunities” section in this Weekly Update edition beginning on page 15.

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Splinter – [Trump Interior Department Rescinds Obama-Era Fracking Rule](#)

E&E News – [Pressured by lawsuits, EPA advances ozone, SO2 designations](#)

Newsweek – [EPA to be sued over Power Plant Pollution Spreading into Neighboring State](#)

EPA – [EPA Advances Cooperative Federalism through Designation Process for Sulfur Dioxide and Ozone Standards](#)

NPR – [China's Crackdown on Polluters](#)

Inside Climate – [How Federal Giveaways to Big Coal Leave Ranchers and Taxpayers Out in the Cold](#)

Washington Post – [How Scott Pruitt turned the EPA into one of Trump's most powerful tools](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

Axios – [Eight energy and climate issues to watch in 2018](#)

The Weather Channel - [More Than 300 Toxic Superfund Sites Threatened by Climate Change, AP Investigation Reveals](#)

The Arctic Institute - [Subsistence, A Way of Life: How Climate change is Affecting Alaskan Traditions](#)

Ensia – [Has the Time Finally Come for Offshore Wind Energy on the Great Lakes?](#)

Ensia – [Seeking Answers on Climate Change, Scientists Venture Into the Vaults of the Past](#)

NPR – [2017 Was the Year of Extreme Weather](#)

USA Today – [It's cold outside, but that doesn't mean climate change isn't real](#)

Washington Examiner – [Earth becoming a desert without climate deal, scientists warn](#)

NY Times – [It's Cold Outside. Cue the Trump Global Warming Tweet.](#)

Pipelines/Mining

NPR - [U.S. Coal Mine Deaths Rise after Record-Low 2016](#)

Native Sun News – [Honor the Earth calls on SD to revoke Pipeline Permit](#)

E&E News – [Oil and gas 2017 in court: Regulations, pipelines and public lands](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

NY Times – [What Needs to Happen Before Electric Cars Take Over the World](#)

The Guardian – [Vehicles are now America's biggest CO2 source but EPA is tearing up regulations](#)

Indoor Air Quality

NPR – [Federal Appeals Court Gives EPA 90 Days to Propose Long-Awaited Lead Standards](#)

Photos from the field

NY Times – [U.S. to Roll Back Safety Rules Created After Deepwater Horizon Spill](#)



The Deepwater Horizon drilling platform after an explosion in April 2010. Photo Credit: United States Coast Guard

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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!

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, January 10, 1pm ET
Volkswagen Settlement Work Group: Continue to help in the next steps of this settlement	Thursday, January 11, 2pm ET
Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Help implement IAQ priorities and develop webinars	Thursday, January 18, 2pm ET
EPA Policy Update Call: Receive updates from EPA	Thursday, January 25, 2pm ET

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is initiating consultation and coordination with federally-recognized Indian Tribes on two draft Grants Policy Issuances and one grants guidance document. When final, tribal governments that receive EPA financial assistance will need to comply with the requirements described in these documents and timely input from tribes is needed to ensure that tribal concerns and/or suggestions can be considered:

Draft EPA Electronic Payment and Proper Payment Drawdown Policy
EPA has drafted a policy for making the process for paying recipients of EPA financial assistance more reliable and efficient by requiring that all recipients participate in the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) system unless EPA grants a waiver due to undue burdens.

Draft EPA Policy on Direct Charges for Proposal Preparation Costs

Under statutes authorizing Performance Partnership Grants (PPG), Continuing Environmental Program (CEP) grants, and Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP) grants, to directly charge proposal preparation costs to these agreements if certain conditions are met.

EPA has issued the Interim Best Practice Guide for Procuring Services, Supplies, and Equipment Under EPA Assistance Agreements ([Interim Procurement Guide](#)). The Interim Procurement Guide provides advice to recipients of EPA financial assistance (grants and cooperative agreements) on how to comply with the [Procurement Standards](#) in the Uniform Grant Guidance, 2 CFR Part 200 as well as EPA's Subaward Policy and [related guidance](#).

This consultation and coordination process will be conducted in accordance with the *EPA Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes* (www.epa.gov/tribal/consultation/consult-policy.htm). EPA invites you and your designated consultation representative(s) to participate in this process. EPA's anticipated timeline for the consultation and coordination period is expected to be from December 11, 2017, through February 16, 2018. For more information, [click here](#) or email Elizabeth January at january.elizabeth@epa.gov.

**NATIVE AMERICAN FISH AND WILDLIFE SOCIETY
SOUTHWEST REGION Now Accepting Applications for the 21st Annual
Natural Resources Youth Practicum**

Location: Rio Mora National Wildlife Refuge, Waltrous, New Mexico

Dates: June 18-22, 2018

Do you want to know what Natural Resource Management is about?

Come join us as we provide a “hands-on” learning experience in the field of natural resource management with combined classroom and field sessions that enables you to become involved in all aspects of natural resource management & conservation.

The NAFWS Natural Resource Youth Practicum is open to all incoming 10th through 12th graders (No cost to Participating Students)

For further information and an application contact:

Norman Jojola – (505) 753-1451 or (505) 927-3494 (cell) norman.jojola@bia.gov
or

Jeanne Lubbering – (505) 259-4189 (leave a message) petlubitj@higher-speed.net

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
2018		
Introduction to Tribal Air Quality	January 9-12	Flagstaff, AZ
IAQ Diagnostic Tools	February 6-9	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV

Air Quality Computations	February 27-March 2	Phoenix, AZ
Air Pollution Technology	March 13-16	Flagstaff, AZ
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke (hybrid course)	March 27-28	Boise, ID
GIS for Air Quality	April 17-19	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Air Quality in Alaska	April 17-20	AK
Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants (lower 48)	May 1-3	TBD
National Tribal Forum on Air Quality	May 14-18	Duluth, MN
Air Pollution & Ecosystems	June 5-8	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 (AOP)	Open	Online
Emissions Inventory (self-paced, instructor assistance as needed)	Open	Online
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke	January-March	Hybrid (webinars/classroom)

Note: This schedule is subject to change. [Click here](#) for up-to-date information, course descriptions, and applications. If you have questions regarding the pre-requisites or your eligibility for 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](#).

Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke: January-March, 2018.

Registration for Webinar Series

This webinar series will provide attendees with an understanding of the impacts of wildland smoke on the health of tribal communities and strategies to minimize exposure. Each 90-minute webinar will feature presentations on the topics listed below. The webinars are free and open to anyone. The webinars will be recorded.

To Register for the webinars, send an email to: baldwin.joyce@epa.gov

In your email, you may request registration for a particular webinar or for all of them.

If you have questions about registration, please call Regina Chappell at 919-541-3650.

❖ **Webinar 1 – January 18, 2018, 2:00 pm EASTERN STANDARD TIME**

Presenter: M. Ian Gilmour, Chief, Cardiopulmonary and Immunotoxicology Branch, Environmental Public Health Division - NHEERL/ORD/USEPA

Presentation: *Comparative Toxicity of Biomass Smoke from Different Fuels and Combustion Conditions*

Presenter: Tesh Rao, Environmental Engineer, Emissions Inventory and Analysis Group/OAQPS/EPA

Presentation: *EPA Methods for National Wildland Fire Emission Inventories, and Resulting WLF Emission Estimates Over Tribal Lands*

Presenter: Dr. Sverre Vedal, Professor, Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences; Adjunct Professor, Medicine; University of Washington

Presentation: *Wildfire Smoke and Your Health*

❖ **Webinar 2 – February 1, 2018, 2:00 pm EASTERN STANDARD TIME**

Presenter: Kirk Baker, Physical Scientist, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Presentation: *Modeling Tools and Monitor Information for Smoke Impacts*

Presenter: Carolyn Kelly, Smoke Management Field Coordinator, Washington Department of Natural Resources

Presentation: *Where There's Wildland Smoke – There Are Air Resource Advisors!*

Presenter: Gayle Hagler, Assistant Laboratory Director, National Exposure Research Laboratory

Presentation: *Overview of Emerging Air Quality Monitoring Technologies and Their Data*

❖ **Webinar 3 – February 15, 2018, 2:00 pm EASTERN STANDARD TIME**

Presenter: Susan Lyon Stone, Senior Environmental Health Scientist, US EPA Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards

Presentation: *Reducing the Public Health Impacts of Smoke*

Presenter: Nannette Vaughn, Webmaster, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Presentation: *Getting the Word Out About Air Quality Using Facebook*

Presenter: Kathy Moses, Communications Specialist, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Presentation: *Ready, Set, Go – Information on Wildfires*

❖ **Webinar 4 – March 1, 2018, 2:00 pm EASTERN STANDARD TIME**

Presenter: Joe Hostler, Environmental Protection Specialist – Air Quality Program Manager, Yurok Tribe Environmental Program

Presentation: *The Yurok Tribe's Wildfire Disaster Response and Reintroduction of Prescribed Fire to Help Prevent Future Wildfires*

Presenter: Kris Ray, Air Quality Program Manager, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

Presentation: *Preparing for the Next Wildland Fire Season*

Presenter: Martha Turner, Environmental Coordinator, Nulato Village, Alaska

Presentation: TBA

❖ **Webinar 5 – March 15, 2018, 2:00 pm EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME**

Presenter: Tony Ward, Professor, School of Public and Community Health Sciences, University of Montana

Presentation: *Residential and Community Strategies to Prevent Forest Fire Smoke Exposures*

Presenter: LCDR Matthew Ellis, MPH, REHS, Institutional Environmental Health Officer/ Emergency Management Coordinator, U.S. DHHS/ Indian Health Service-Portland Area Office of the Director

Presentation: *Industrial Air Scrubbers During Wildfire Conditions: A Public Health Intervention*

Presenter: Lesanna Lahner, DVM

Presentation: *Protecting the Health of Pets and Livestock*

All webinars must be completed prior to the in-person workshop for tribes, March 27-28, 2018, in Boise, Idaho. The in-person workshop application is available on the ITEP website:

http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air.

If you would like additional information please contact Pat Ellsworth, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, at patricia.ellsworth@nau.edu or 928-523-672.

Climate Change / Energy

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

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RESOURCES

Now Hiring!

Education Coordinator for the Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program (BEMP) Position based at Bosque School

Application deadline: January 31, 2018

Job Position Opening at the Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program:

Full Time Education Coordinator for a citizen science program in Albuquerque New Mexico. The Bosque Ecosystem Monitoring Program (BEMP) is looking for a full time Education Coordinator to ensure that BEMP's education programs are exemplary, just, and scientifically rigorous.

[See job posting here.](#)

Qualifications: Masters Degree and 5 year's experience

Check out <http://bemp.org/employment-opportunities/> for more details.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is hiring an Environmental Justice Outreach Coordinator

Closing date: January 11, 2018

Job Summary: The position will play a key role in supporting the MPCA's Environmental Justice framework and mission to ensure fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all Minnesotans regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies.

The position will cultivate and maintain external relationships, primarily with members and representatives of communities with potential environmental justice concerns, to improve access by underserved and underrepresented communities and bring together agency staff and external stakeholders to address the MPCA's environmental justice efforts. The position will also help integrate environmental justice principles into agency operations, programs, and policies, and will support ongoing analysis, outreach, implementation, and monitoring of the MPCA's achievement of environmental justice goals.

Responsibilities include serving as the Agency's lead staff for external engagement, education and communication on environmental justice both at the Agency-wide and at the program or project-specific level and on both short-term/strategic and long-term issues. In addition, the position will support efforts to

integrate environmental justice principles into agency goals, policies and actions and coordinate Advisory group agendas, meeting notes, logistics, etc.

For more information go to <https://mn.gov/mmb/careers/> and search “Pollution Control Agency Job ID #18346”. Contact patty.atchison@state.mn.us with questions about the position.

HUD: Administrator in the Office of Native American Programs, Anchorage, AK

Closing date: 1/8/2018

Responsibilities:

- Assess tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entity’s (TDHE) concerns, broad trends, and technical assistance needs; develop and revise procedures to improve the effectiveness of the office and to adjust to changing conditions.
- Maintains contacts with tribal officials, tribal council members, TDHE directors, and tenant groups, local, state, and other Federal agency officials to effectively administer the Department's programs and resolve sensitive and controversial issues.
- Directs a staff of specialists in the aforementioned functional areas through subordinate supervision to provide performance oversight, compliance assurance, technical assistance coordination, and program implementation for tribes, TDHEs, and client groups under the Area Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) jurisdiction.
- Ensure the effective and efficient linkages among key parties such as Tribal officials, Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) directors, tenant groups, associations, other Federal agencies, and Departmental staff.

More information: [USA Jobs #487377400](#)

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HOST SITES NEEDED FOR ITEP’S SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Submit your application by January 19, 2018!

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals – Environmental Education Outreach Program at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona, is seeking air quality focused offices and programs to host a college student for an 8-week summer internship. Tribal environmental offices, EPA offices, and other tribal environmental organizations are encouraged to apply. Please feel free to pass the announcement on to anyone who may be interested in applying as a host site. Projects **MUST** focus on addressing air quality issues in tribal communities.

For detailed information on the internship and requirements, see the attached flyer or visit our internship web-site:

<http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/eeop/Internships/>

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT: ITEP Intern Coordinator EEOP-INTERN@nau.edu

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently seeking nominations from a diverse range of candidates to serve on the National Advisory Council for Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT).

Deadline: January 3, 2018

This is a great opportunity for concerned citizens to assist the agency in advancing its mission to protect human health and the environment. EPA established NACEPT in 1988 to provide advice to the EPA Administrator on a broad range of environmental policy, technology and management issues. Members serve as representatives from academia, business and industry, non-governmental organizations, and, local, state, and tribal governments.

EPA is seeking nominations from candidates representing all sectors noted above. Individuals with a strong background in the following fields are encouraged to apply: data management/monitoring, social science, economic initiatives, public health, biodiversity, community sustainability, environmental policy/management, and environmental justice.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate nominees:

- Professional knowledge of environmental policy, management, and technology issues.
 - Demonstrated ability to assess and analyze environmental challenges with objectivity and integrity.
 - Middle/Senior-level leadership experience that fills a current need on the Council.
 - Excellent interpersonal, oral and written communication skills, and consensus-building skills.
 - Ability to volunteer approximately 10 to 15 hours per month to the Council's activities, including participation in face-to-face meetings, video/teleconference meetings and preparation of documents for the Council's reports and advice letters.
- In order to fill anticipated vacancies by April 2018, nomination packages should be received by January 3, 2018. For full details regarding the nomination process and to learn more about NACEPT, please visit:

<https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-11-21/html/2017-25188.htm>

For additional information regarding this notice, please contact Eugene Green at (202) 564-2432 or the Federal Advisory Committee Management Division at (202) 564-2294.

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

Indoor Air Quality

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

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

New Process for Submitting Grant Proposals to EPA Begins January 1, 2018

Starting January 1, 2018, EPA will require a new process called "Workspace" for submitting grant proposals/applications through grants.gov. EPA's Office of Grants and Debarment recorded two Grants.gov-led sessions that provides training and a demonstration on Workspace. Recordings of these webinars can be found [here](#).

15th Annual P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet

URL: <https://www.epa.gov/P3/p3-funding-opportunities>

Open Dates: Dec. 21, 2017 through Feb. 7, 2018

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announces the release of the 15th Annual P3 Awards: A National Student Design Competition Focusing on People, Prosperity and the Planet (P3) Phase I Request for Applications (RFA). This collegiate design competition promotes the use of scientific and engineering principles in creating innovative projects to address challenges and develop real world solutions. This RFA is seeking applications in the research areas of air quality, clean and safe water, land revitalization, and safer chemicals in the marketplace.

Join us in January 2018 for an informational webinar about the P3 RFA and application process. Webinar details will be posted early January on the [P3 website](#), don't miss it!

P3 Program: The P3 program is a two-phase team competition. For the first phase, interdisciplinary student teams submit proposals to compete for \$15,000 grants for project ideas addressing environmental solutions. Recipients use the funding to research and develop their design projects during the academic year. In the spring, teams compete for P3 Phase II grant funding of up to \$75,000 to implement their projects in a real world setting.

P3 was developed to foster progress by achieving the mutual goals of improved quality of life, economic prosperity, and protection of the planet - people, prosperity and the planet. EPA's P3 Program offers technical solutions to implement while supporting education in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). These grants propel the next generation of scientists, engineers, and researchers to think critically about current events and develop innovative solutions.

For general information on how to apply, visit <https://www.epa.gov/P3/how-apply-p3-grant>. The P3 Student Design Competition is part of EPA's Sustainable and Healthy Communities (SHC) Research Program, which supports the development of science and tools to help communities make better decisions toward a healthy society and environment.

Bureau of Reclamation Provides Technical Assistance Funding Opportunity to Tribes

The Bureau of Reclamation has issued a funding opportunity for technical assistance to Indian tribes and tribal organizations through the Native American Affairs Technical Assistance to Tribes Program. This program is intended to establish cooperative working relationships, through partnerships with Indian tribes and tribal organizations, to ensure that tribes have the opportunity to participate fully in Reclamation's Program as they develop, manage, and protect their water and related resources.

This funding opportunity is available on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by searching for funding opportunity BOR-DO-18-F001. The deadline for submission of proposals is January 17, 2018.

Eligible proposals that are not awarded during the current fiscal year due to a lack of time or available funding may be retained by Reclamation for consideration in the next fiscal year if the applicant agrees. Reclamation will contact applicants should this circumstance arise to discuss available options.

For additional information, please visit <https://www.usbr.gov/native/> or contact Kelly Titensor at ktitensor@usbr.gov.

EPA 2018 National Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program – \$6 million

Applications Due: January 26, 2018

Eligible Entities: States, U.S. Territories, Tribal Governments (or intertribal consortia), and Alaska Native Villages

The National Environmental Information Exchange Network (EN) is an inter-governmental partnership to foster better environmental management and decision-making through increased access to timely and high quality environmental information. For the FY 2018 competitive grant process, the EPA Exchange Network Grant Program is soliciting project proposals that use the Environmental Information Exchange Network (EN) to:

- Facilitate sharing environmental data, especially through shared and reusable services.

- Streamline data collection and exchanges to improve its timeliness for decision making.
- Increase the quality and access to environmental data through discovery, publishing, outbound, and analytical services so it is more useful to environmental managers.
- Develop foundational EN shared services (e.g., network security or corporate portals) to reduce burden and avoid costs for co-regulators and the regulated community.
- Expand and improve participation in the EN by strengthening the requisite information management and technology capabilities for interested parties to fully participate in the EN.

In FY 2018, EPA expects to award about \$6,000,000 for 20-25 assistance agreements of up to \$400,000 each. For more information, visit the [funding opportunity description](#).

EPA EJ Collaborative Problem-Solving Grants Opportunity is Now Open!! 2018 Request for Proposals

Full Proposal Due Date: *Friday, February 16, 2018 by 11:59 PM Eastern Time*

The Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving (EJCPS) Cooperative Agreement Program provides funding to support community-based organizations in their efforts to collaborate and partner with local stakeholder groups (e.g., local businesses and industry, local government, medical providers, and academia) as they develop and implement solutions that address environmental and/or public health issues for underserved communities. The EJCPS program will award approximately \$1.2 million nationwide for this competitive opportunity. EPA anticipates awarding ten cooperative agreements (one in each of the ten EPA Regions) of up to \$120,000 each.

How can I apply? Click [this link to go directly to the EJCPS program website](#) to access the full RFP including instructions on applying through Grants.gov. For more information, visit the [funding opportunity description](#).

Climate Change/Energy

DOE State Energy Program FY17 Competitive Funding – \$5 million

Applications Due: January 11, 2018

Eligible Entities: State entities are eligible to apply for funding as a Prime Recipient or participate as a Sub-Recipient

The U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy's (EERE) State Energy Program (SEP) seeks applications for Fiscal Year 2017 Competitive Financial Assistance Awards. This competitive funding opportunity announcement (FOA) will allow states to compete for EERE funding focused on three areas of interest:

- State Energy Planning
- Innovative Opportunities for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Practices that Improve Energy Affordability, Reliability and Resiliency
- Technical Assistance to Advance SEP Formula Grant Clean Energy Activities.

Typically each year, SEP awards funds competitively to states for projects that help states meet their energy goals and explore opportunities for regional collaboration and partnerships. In a typical year, SEP chooses areas on which to focus, and states may apply for funding under any area with the flexibility to choose specific topics or approaches to achieving their energy goals. Recognizing that several states are interested in a more streamlined process, DOE has included the third topic on technical assistance to help states advance SEP formula grants and is open to exploring options to simplify the competitive application process in the future.

For more information, visit the [WIP website](#) or [EERE Exchange](#).

DOE Energy Infrastructure Deployment on Tribal Lands

Applications Due: To Be Announced

Eligible Entities: Indian Tribes (including Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations) and Tribal Energy Resource Development Organizations

The DOE's Office of Indian Energy will be continuing its efforts to maximize the deployment of energy solutions for the benefit of American Indians and Alaska Natives and help build the knowledge, skills, and resources needed to implement those energy solutions. In support of these objectives, the DOE's Office of Indian Energy may solicit applications from Indian Tribes to promote Indian tribal energy development, efficiency, and use, including: (1) Install energy efficiency measures and/or energy generating system(s) for Tribal Buildings; or, (2) Deploy community-scale energy generating system(s) on Tribal lands; or, (3) Install energy system(s) for autonomous operation to power a single or multiple

essential tribal loads for a short period of time during an emergency situation or for long-term tribal community resilience.

DOE's Office of Indian Energy plans to issue the FOA on or about December 2017 or January 2018 via the [EERE Exchange website](#).

For more information, visit the [Notice of Intent](#).

NOAA Climate and Societal Interactions Competitions

Applications Due: March 16, 2018 (Letters of intent due January 5, 2018)

Eligible Entities: State, local, and Indian tribal governments

Three (3) NOAA Climate and Societal Interactions (CSI) programs are holding competitions under this Federal Funding Opportunity: the Regional Integrated Sciences and Assessment (RISA) Program - South Central Region competition; the Coastal and Ocean Climate Applications program (COCA)/RISA Pilot on Coastal Climate Extension Competition, and the International Research and Applications Project (IRAP): Decision Support Research on Climate-Sensitive Health Risks.

RISA - South Central Region is holding one competition for research funding and is accepting applications for an award up to four years for a RISA team focused on the South Central region of the U.S. (Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, and coastal Mississippi).

COCA & RISA Pilot on Coastal Climate Extension Competition is a collaboration between the COCA and RISA programs on a one time, two-year pilot project to support and expand coastal climate extension within the RISA network.

For FY18, the COCA program is soliciting proposals for coastal climate extension specialists in up to two RISA coastal regions (Mid-Atlantic and South Central).

IRAP: Decision Support Research on Climate-Sensitive Health Risks is soliciting proposals of interdisciplinary, applied science, stakeholder engagement, and capacity building activities that advances the integration of weather and climate research, assessments and services in practical risk management settings related to health risks that affect U.S. interests at home and abroad.

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

NOAA Environmental Literacy Grants: Supporting the Education of K-12 Students and the Public for Community Resilience – \$2 million

Applications Due: April 6, 2018

Eligible Entities: State, local, and Indian tribal governments

The goal of this Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) is to support the education of K-12 students and the public so they are knowledgeable of the ways in which their community can become more resilient to extreme weather events and/or other environmental hazards, and become involved in achieving that resilience. Many U.S. communities are increasingly contending with issues related to preventing, withstanding, and recovering from disruptions caused by extreme weather, such as severe storms, tornadoes, hurricanes, flooding, heavy precipitation events, persistent drought, heat waves, increased global temperatures, acidification of the ocean, and sea level rise. These extreme weather and climate events put stress on infrastructure, ecological systems, and the humans that live in the impacted places. Education projects focused on resilience enable and empower community members, including children and youth, to protect themselves and their communities from these hazards. Projects through these grants should build the environmental literacy necessary for communities to become more resilient to extreme weather and other environmental hazards they face. Project topics must relate to NOAA's mission in the areas of ocean, coastal, Great Lakes, weather, and climate sciences and stewardship and should focus on one or more of the goals of NOAA's Next Generation Strategic Plan: healthy oceans; weather-ready nation; climate adaptation and mitigation; and resilient coastal communities and economies.

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

U.S. Forest Service 2018 Wood Innovations Funding Opportunity – \$7 million

Applications Due: January 22, 2018

Eligible Entities: State, local and Tribal governments; special purpose districts

The U.S. Forest Service requests proposals to substantially expand and accelerate wood energy and wood products markets throughout the United States to support forest management needs on National Forest System and other forest lands.

This Request for Proposal focuses on the following priorities to:

- Reduce hazardous fuels and improve forest health on National Forest System and other forest lands.
- Reduce costs of forest management on all land types.
- Promote economic and environmental health of communities.

One of the two categories of projects funded by this grant is expansion of wood energy markets and wood energy projects. The intent of this category is to stimulate, expand, or support wood energy markets that depend on forest residues or forest byproducts generated from all land types. Projects can include, but are not limited to: (a) developing a cluster of wood energy projects in a geographic area or specific sector (e.g., prisons, hospitals, universities, manufacturing sector, or industrial sector); or (b) overcoming market barriers and stimulating expansion of wood energy in the commercial sector.

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

Toxics/Mobile Sources

2017 Tribal Request for Proposals (RFP) Diesel Emissions Reduction Program (DERA) now open!

We are excited to announce a funding opportunity for tribal governments and Alaska native villages. EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting proposals nationwide for tribal 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. EPA anticipates awarding \$1.5 million in DERA grant funding under this announcement.

Important dates

Thursday, October 5, 2017	RFP Opens
Thursday, January 18, 2018; 11:59 pm (ET)	RFP Closes – Proposals Due
Spring 2018	Anticipated Notification of Selection
Spring/Summer 2018	Anticipated Award

Eligible Entities

Eligible entities include tribal governments (or intertribal consortia) and Alaska native villages which have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality.

Eligible Vehicles and Technologies

Eligible diesel vehicles, engines and equipment may include buses, Class 5 – Class 8 heavy-duty highway vehicles, marine engines, locomotives and nonroad engines, equipment or vehicles used in construction, handling of cargo (including at a port or airport), agriculture, mining or energy production (including stationary generators and pumps).

Eligible diesel emission reduction solutions include EPA or California Air Resources Board verified emission control technologies such as exhaust controls, cleaner fuels, and engine upgrades, idle reduction technologies, aerodynamic technologies and low rolling resistance tires, certified engine repowers, clean alternative fuel conversion kits, and/or certified vehicle or equipment replacement.

Additional Resources

For detailed information on eligibility and application requirements, please review the 2017 Tribal Request for Proposals (RFP) on the following webpage:

www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-tribal-grants.

For questions, please contact:

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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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Hazardous Waste Management System:

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