



**National Tribal Air Association**

**NTAA Weekly Update**

*Week of March 13<sup>th</sup> –  
March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

[If you have difficulty reading this email, click here to view it online.](#)

**Table of Contents**

HEADLINES ..... 2

*Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes* ..... 2

*Climate Change/Energy*..... 3

*Toxics/Mobile Sources* ..... 3

*Indoor Air Quality*..... 4

*Photos from the field*..... 4

UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS ..... 5

*Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes* ..... 5

*Climate Change / Energy*..... 7

*Indoor Air Quality*..... 7

RESOURCES ..... 8

*Now Hiring!* ..... 8

*Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes* ..... 8

*Climate Change/Energy*..... 9

*Indoor Air Quality*..... 9

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES..... 9

*Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes* ..... 9

*Climate Change/Energy*..... 10

*Indoor Air Quality*..... 10

Most Recent Listing: EPA Rules from the Federal Register ..... 11

## TOP STORIES

KUOW - [Proposed EPA Cuts Could Pose Big Problems for Tribes](#)

New York Times - [As VW Pleads Guilty in U.S. Over Diesel Scandal, Trouble Looms in Europe](#)

U.S. EPA - [Climate Change Indicators Subscription Form](#)

### **Subscribe to EPA's Climate Change Indicators Mailing List!**

Occasionally, EPA sends out emails about new features, Web enhancements, and other updates. If you are interested in receiving these notifications, please enter your information in [this form](#). EPA does not share your contact information and you can unsubscribe at any time.

## HEADLINES

### ***Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes***

Bemidji Pioneer - [Judge denies emergency injunction before oil is expected to flow through Dakota Access Pipeline next week](#)

Washington Post - [The EPA's Science Office Removed "Science" From Its Mission Statement](#)

NPR - [EPA's Chief Environmental Justice Official Steps Down](#)

U.S. News and World Report - [EPA Announces \\$2.5M Grant for Fairbanks Air Cleanup Measures](#)

Fairbanks Daily Miner - [Fairbanks to have stricter air quality regulations](#)

Clearwater Tribune - [Idaho Selected to Receive \\$2.5 Million EPA Grant to Improve Air Quality in Cache Valley](#)

The Hill - [Power plants' methane emissions much higher than thought: study](#)

Indian Country Today - [Poisoned Lands: San Carlos Apache Indian Reservation Steeped in Dioxin](#)

Indianz.com - [Agua Caliente Band wins major decision on rights to groundwater](#)

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

### ***Climate Change/Energy***

ProPublica - [Trump's Defense Secretary Cites Climate Change as National Security Challenge](#)

Climatewire - [Inhofe's priorities could offer clues to Pruitt's budget](#)

Washington Post - [Scott Pruitt's office deluged with angry callers after he questions the science of global warming](#)

Fusion - [Major coal plant's shuttering offers Navajo clean start, but the scene is far from pretty](#)

Washington Post - [By 2030, half the world's oceans could be reeling from climate change, scientists say](#)

Inside Climate News - [Arctic Sea Ice Melt, Driven by Global Warming, Accelerated by Nature](#)

KRQE - [New Mexico lawmakers fighting to keep limits on waste from oil, gas companies](#)

Huffington Post - [Climate Change Could Be Increasing the Footprint of Lyme Disease](#)

### ***Toxics/Mobile Sources***

New York Times - [Trump Using Detroit as Stage for Loosening Obama's Fuel Economy Rules](#)

San Francisco Chronicle - [California to fight if EPA eases emissions rule](#)

PR Newsletter - [Announcing Bosch Settlement in the Volkswagen "Clean Diesel" Marketing, Sales Practices, & Products Liability Litigation](#)

Greenwire - [EPA heeds industry concerns, freezes safety regs](#)

### ***Indoor Air Quality***

McKnight's News - [Does green cleaning really protect indoor air quality?](#)

### ***Photos from the field***

Washington Post - [American Indians from around the U.S. march on White House in rally for rights](#)



Teepees are seen near the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C., as part of Native Nations Rise, an event organized by the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and opponents of the Dakota Access Pipeline. Photo by Indianz.Com / Available for use under a [Creative Commons Attribution-Non Commercial-Share Alike 4.0 International License](#)

*Back to Table of Contents*

## **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](mailto:Andy.Bessler@nau.edu) if you have any questions about any call!

<p><b>2017 STAR Work Group:</b> 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 <a href="mailto:Elaine.Wilson@nau.edu">Elaine.Wilson@nau.edu</a></i></p>	<p>On the following Wednesdays at 1pm ET: March 22, and March 29</p>
<p><b>NTAA/EPA Policy Call:</b> Receive updates from the EPA as related to the NTAA and Tribal Air Policy</p>	<p>Thursday, March 30, 2pm ET</p>
<p><b>National Tribal Forum on Air Quality Planning Call:</b> Open to all planning committee members</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 5, 2pm ET</p>

**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/>

**Public meetings on VW Mitigation Settlement**

The third and final meeting in the series is scheduled for March 15, 6:30 – 8 pm, MPCA Brainerd office, 7678 College Road, Baxter, MN.

For more information, visit the

MPCA's [website](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/volkswagen-settlement) (www.pca.state.mn.us/air/volkswagen-settlement).

MPCA will accept public comments regarding the VW settlement until March 31, 2017. All comments will be reviewed and used to help shape Minnesota's Beneficiary Mitigation Plan, which will describe to the federal trustee how the state plans to use the money. If you have any comments you would like us to consider, please e-mail them to [vwsettlement.pca@state.mn.us](mailto:vwsettlement.pca@state.mn.us).

### **NTAA/EPA Webinar Series: National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)**

The National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are co-hosting a three-part webinar series on the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for tribal air agencies.

#### **Webinar #3: NAAQS - Implementation**

(This session will discuss how to attain & maintain the NAAQS and what role the tribes can play in the implementation process.)

**Date:** Monday, March 20, 2017

**Time:** 2:00 – 3:30 PM EST

Participant Dial-in Number: (800) 309-5450

Conference ID: 43783074

**Webinar Link:** <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/naaqs-implement>

We look forward to your participation and encourage you to share this invitation with others in the tribal community who may be interested. Information about the NAAQS can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/criteria-air-pollutants#self> and <https://www.epa.gov/criteria-air-pollutants/process-reviewing-national-ambient-air-quality-standards>.

For questions about the webinars, please contact Andy Bessler at [andy.bessler@nau.edu](mailto:andy.bessler@nau.edu) or Toni Colón at [colon.toni@epa.gov](mailto:colon.toni@epa.gov)

**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 Professionals' (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
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](mailto: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.

## ***Indoor Air Quality***

*Back to Table of Contents*

## **RESOURCES**

### ***Now Hiring!***

**Navajo Nation Emergency Management Director**

**Open Until:** 3/17/17

More information:

<http://www.dpm.navajo-nsn.gov/JVA/03.06.2017/DPS10013382.pdf>

**Tribal Relations Intern, Kaibab National Forest**

**Position Type:** Internship

**Open until:** filled

**Wage:** \$13.75/hour

**Location:** Williams, Arizona

[Click here for more information](#)

### **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](http://www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads).

## ***Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes***



## ***Climate Change/Energy***

## ***Toxics / Mobile Sources***

## ***Indoor Air Quality***

### **U.S. HUD's 2017 Secretary's Awards for Healthy Homes call for nominations!**

ABOUT THE AWARD: The purpose of the Award is to provide a national platform to showcase results achieved under a wide range of housing and indoor environmental health programs. The Award highlights some of the nation's most significant work on the relationship between living environments and resident health, and helps to lay the foundation for future healthy homes work.

#### **Dates and Deadlines:**

- Online applications will open February 2.
- Submission deadline is 11:59 pm, PST March 15.
- Applicants will be notified of status in May.

For more information, [follow this link](#).

### **U.S. HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) Code Talk:**

[Codetalk Homepage:](#)

### **Fourth Wood Stove Competition to focus on automation and electricity generation**

For more information, [visit The Alliance for Green Heat at this link](#).

*[Back to Table of Contents](#)*

## **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***

### **DOE SunShot Initiative Launches Challenge to Expand Solar Access to More Communities, Including Tribes**

In an effort to make solar energy more accessible for every American, the DOE SunShot Initiative has launched the \$5 million Solar in Your Community Challenge, a new prize competition that aims to improve solar electricity access for low- and moderate-income households; state, local, and tribal governments; and nonprofit organizations.

The Solar in Your Community Challenge encourages the development of innovative financial and business models that serve low- and moderate-income communities that may have been left out of the solar boom. Offering \$5 million in cash prizes and technical assistance over 18 months, the challenge supports teams across the country to develop projects or programs that reach underserved customers in their communities, while proving that these business models can be widely replicated and scaled up.

The early application deadline to participate in the challenge is Jan. 6, 2017, and the regular deadline is March 17, 2017. Learn more about [how tribes and other communities can participate in the competition](#) and [apply today](#).

### **NOAA 2017 Coastal Resilience Grants**

Applications are due **March 15, 2017**. [Find more information here](#).

## ***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.

*[Back to Table of Contents](#)*

## **Most Recent Listing: EPA Rules from the Federal Register**

There are no contents of the Federal Register for Wednesday, March 15, 2017. (Past copies can be accessed [here](#)).

### **Rule**

#### **Pesticide Tolerances; Exemptions:**

#### **Streptomycin; Emergency**

FR Document: [2017-04779](#) Citation: 82 FR 13759 [PDF](#) Pages 13759-13765 (7 pages) [Permalink](#)

You have received this email as a subscriber to the NTAA Weekly Update. To unsubscribe or modify your subscriptions, click the appropriate link below:

[Unsubscribe](#)

[Modify your Subscription](#)

*[Back to Table of Contents](#)*