



National Tribal Air Association

NTAA Weekly Update

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TOP STORIES

Washington Post - [Trump signs order at the EPA to dismantle environmental protections](#)

AP - [Trump Oks Keystone Pipeline, Calling It “Great Day” for Jobs](#)

Indianz.com - [Indian Country mounts another fight after Donald Trump approves another pipeline](#)

HEADLINES

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US News - [LA Water Commissioner Cuts Check for Pipeline Repairs](#)

Editor’s Note: You can view the March 21 video of the LA Board of Water and Power Commissioners meeting [here](#), where there were 41 speakers in support of the Tribe.

Indianz.com - [Cronkite News: Navajo Nation hails decision on aging power plant](#)

Wrangell Sentinel - [Tribe office to gauge air quality of wood stoves](#)

San Diego Union-Tribune - [California adopts strictest methane rule in the nation](#)

Bloomberg - [The Hidden Risks of Trump’s EPA Cuts: Birth Defects, Bad Air](#)

Indian Country Media Network - [Suncor Oil Refinery Belches Toxic Gases over Denver for Second Time](#)

Roll Call - [Lawmakers Hope to Avert Government Shutdown](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

New York Times - [What to Know about Trump’s Order to Dismantle the Clean Power Plan](#)

The Hill - [Trump lawyers ask court to halt climate rule case](#)

NY Times - [Climate Change May Be Intensifying China's Smog Crisis](#)

Dubois County Herald - [Industry chief: solar doesn't threaten utility profits](#)

CNBC - [There's almost zero rationale for Arctic oil exploration, says Goldman Sachs analyst](#)

Harvard Business Review - [How Utilities Are Using Blockchain to Modernize the Grid](#)

Tribal Tribune - [Environmental Trusts hosts 'Era of Megafires' presentation](#)

National Geographic - [Alaska's Thaw Reveals—and Threatens—a Culture's Artifacts](#)

The Hill - [Interior secretary reopens federal coal mining](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Los Angeles Times - [California's vow to reduce auto pollution may be setting up a full-out war with Trump](#)

Scientific American - [Smog Will Choke Crops If Climate Plan Is Scrubbed](#)

Indian Country Media Network - [The Siege of Chaco Canyon](#)

Indoor Air Quality

The Roanoke Times - [Salem VA Medical Center cited by OSHA for exposing employees to mold](#)

Portland Press Herald - [In the depths of mud season, houseplants will lift your spirits](#)

Photos from the field

Mashable - [Arctic sea ice plunges to record winter low after freak polar 'heatwaves'](#)



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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!

<p>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></p>	<p>On the following Wednesdays at 2pm ET: April 5, April 12, and April 19</p>
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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, 3pm ET
IAQ call: Open to anyone who would like to be involved with the Indoor Air Quality work group	Thursday, April 6, 2pm ET
NTAA EC Call: Monthly NTAA Executive Committee update call	Monday, April 10, 2pm ET

Please join the BIA Climate Change program for a web presentation and discussion on the Tribal and Indigenous Peoples' Chapter of the 4th National Climate Assessment, April 11, 2pm Eastern.

Register [here](#). Please feel free to forward to your networks!

Background: The National Climate Assessment (NCA) is an ongoing project of the US Global Change Research Program (US GCRP) to document and summarize the impacts of climate on the United States, both current and future. The 3rd Climate Assessment was completed in 2014 and included a chapter specifically on issues faced by tribes (Indigenous Peoples, Lands, and Resources Chapter – available here: <http://nca2014.globalchange.gov/report/sectors/indigenous-peoples#intro-section>).

The coordinating lead authors for this chapter (from EPA and BIA) began planning and outreach in 2016 for this chapter of the Fourth NCA. In 2017 we assembled a writing team and are in the process of drafting the Chapter. Please join us for an overview and discussion of the current progress and help shape the next Tribal and Indigenous Peoples Chapter of the Fourth NCA.

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
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](#).

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Is There Deal Space For Carbon Pricing In 2017? The Hoover Institute and the Partnership for Responsible Growth will host a conference exploring opportunities

for enacting a price on carbon in the current political climate. 2-6PM EST in DC; click [here](#) for more information and [here](#) for a livestream today.

Mental Health and Our Changing Climate: EcoAmerica and Climate for Health will highlight new research on the impacts of climate change on Americans' health and psychological well-being in a 3PM EST webinar today. Click [here](#) for more information.

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 Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is hiring a OjGIS Technician ~ DRM ~ \$14-17 D.O.Q.

Will assist in maintaining, editing and creating the DRM's geospatial database. Along with contributing to building the DRM's database, the Technician will assist the GIS Specialist and DRM staff with various geospatial projects.

Education/Experience: Completed an Associate's Degree or working towards a Bachelor's Degree in GIS or Geography, Natural Resources, Environmental Sciences or similar degree with GIS emphasis.

Duties/Responsibilities: Build land records utilizing ArcGIS Software from land legal descriptions. Correct or create land legal descriptions. Produce basic maps utilizing ArcGIS Software for DRM staff. Assist DRM staff with geospatial questions and projects. For more information, [click here](#).

The Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe is hiring a GIS Specialist/Database Manager ~ DRM ~ \$17-24 D.O.Q.

Provide oversight of the GIS program for the Division of Resource Management, this will include providing GIS services for the DRM, managing the GIS database and providing assistance and training for DRM staff.

Education/Experience: Bachelor's Degree in geography, computer science, environmental science or biology with an emphasis on GIS. Two years' experience in resource management preferred. One year of experience in a position that utilizes job skills outlined in job description. Experience providing GIS support and training.

Duties/Responsibilities: Provide technical support (GIS/GPS) to LLDRM Departments. Coordinate with MIS Department concerning GIS files on server. Build and manage centralized GIS databases for the integration of LLDRM activities and decision-making, includes spatial and tabular data currently in various forms. For more information, [click here](#).

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](#).

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Children's Wood Smoke Activity Book

EPA Region 10, with the help of the Burn Wise Alaska program in the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation and Carolyn Kelly of the Quinault Indian Tribe, recently published a children's activity book related to wood smoke that is relevant to Tribes across the country. Children can read the story about best burning practices, color the pictures, and do the activities included in the book.

You can find the Wood Smoke Activity Book on the national EPA Burn Wise website: <https://www.epa.gov/burnwise/wood-smoke-activity-book>.

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

[Codetalk Homepage:](#)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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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’.

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HUD’s Secretary’s Award for Healthy Homes

Applications are due on March 29.

The Award...

- Recognizes excellence in making indoor environments healthier through healthy homes research, education, and program delivery, especially in diverse low- to moderate-income communities.
- Provides a national platform to showcase results achieved under a wide range of housing and indoor environmental health programs.
- Highlights some of the nation’s most significant work on the relationship between living environments and resident health and helps lay the foundation for future healthy homes work.

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

HUD’s Indian Community Development Block Grant Program

Closing date for Applications: May 18, 2017

The purpose of the ICDBG program is the development of viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons with low and moderate incomes as defined in 24 CFR 1003.4.

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

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Most Recent Listing: EPA Rules from the Federal Register

There are no contents of the Federal Register for Wednesday, March 29, 2017. (Past copies can be accessed [here](#)).

Notice

Inventory Report of Supply, Use, and Trade:

Mercury

FR Document: [2017-06205](#) Citation: 82 FR 15522 [PDF](#) Pages 15522-15523 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

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