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PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

NPR – [Thai Officials Close Schools As Toxic Air Pollution Chokes Bangkok](#)



Thailand's Pollution Control Department declared air quality in the Thai capital unhealthy, leading to the closure of 400 public schools through the end of the week. Photo credit: Romeo Gacad/AFP/Getty Images

Indian Country Today – [Tanksi Clairmont, Lakota/Dakota, to direct new Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund](#)



Navajo GRID alternative. GRID Alternatives, a national leader in making clean, affordable solar power and solar jobs accessible to low-income communities and communities of color, has announced the selection of Tanksi Clairmont, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate (Dakota) from Sisseton, South Dakota and a member of the Sicangu Lakota Oyate from Rosebud, South Dakota, as Director of the Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund. Photo courtesy: GRID Alternatives

TOP STORIES

Today: Informational webinar on Proposed Amendments to the NSPS for GHGs from New, Modified, or Reconstructed EGUs

The NTAA will be hosting an informational webinar on EPA’s proposed changes to greenhouse gas emissions from new power plants today, Wednesday, February 6, at 4pm ET. To participate in the call, dial 805-309-2350, and use call code 928-523-0526#. If needed, you can alternatively dial toll free to 800-309-2350, and use the same call code. To register for the webinar and view documents on the call, [follow this link](#). The NTAA has [published a fact sheet](#) on this issue, and is developing a tribal template letter and comment letter. Comments are due on March 18, 2019.

Indian Country Today - [#SOTU 'guests' include Navajo Nation president, Lt. Gov of Minnesota, citizens](#)

PBS News Hour - [Nomination of acting EPA head Wheeler moves to full Senate vote](#)

EPA – [EPA Releases 2018 Year in Review Highlighting Agency Accomplishments and Environmental Progress under President Trump & Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler](#)

House Committee on Appropriations - [Interior and Environment Subcommittee Announces Public Witness Hearing Dates](#)

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Bloomberg News - [Air Permitting Violations May No Longer Be an EPA Priority](#)

AP News – [Skeptic on radiation limits will head EPA radiation panel](#)

EPA – [EPA Appoints New Members to the Science Advisory Board and Subcommittees](#)

Huffpost – [New EPA Advisory Board Member Believes Burning Fossil Fuels Is Good For Earth](#)

EPA – [Proposed Settlement Resolves Clean Air Act Claims Between EPA and Greenfield Mass. Facility](#)

CNN – [EPA's Wheeler continues frequent meetings with industry his agency regulates](#)

EPA – [E&E Publishes Hogwash Misleading Story](#)

CBC – [Yukon Indigenous scientist to share climate change insights with embassies in Europe](#)

E&E News – [Air Pollution: Groups sue EPA over refinery standards](#)

Indian Country Today – [Documenting colonialism: Millions killed, a changed climate & Europe gets rich](#)

Deccan Chronicle – [Air pollution! Threat to the elderly, disastrous for the yet to be born](#)

Climate Change/Energy

Fairbanks Daily News-Miner - [Protesters take over ANWR environmental scoping meeting](#)

NPR – [Winter Storms to Heat Waves, How Better Climate Data Can Make Us More Prepared](#)

NPR – [Here's How PG&E's Bankruptcy Might Hurt California's Ambitious Climate Goals](#)

E&E News – [House: Hearings headline hot week on climate](#)

E&E News – [Renewable Energy: Tax credits are shrinking. Will it stall wind and solar?](#)

E&E News – [Pipelines: Industry calls on court to uphold FERC climate policy](#)

OPB – [Oregon Lawmakers Unveil Their Plan to Curb Carbon Emissions](#)

The Hill – [Kids in climate lawsuit haven't shown government is responsible, Trump admin says](#)

NY Times – [Teenagers Emerge as a Force in Climate Protests across Europe](#)

NY Times – [China's Coal Plants Haven't Cut Methane Emissions as Required, Study Finds](#)

NY Times – [Why Is the Cold Weather So Extreme if the Earth Is Warming?](#)

Yes! – [The White Earth Band of Ojibwe Legally Recognized the Rights of Wild Rice. Here's Why](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Axios – [The lessons of Norway's rapid electric vehicle adoption](#)

Ensia – [Opinion: Green Tech Metals for Renewable Energy and Other Smart Technologies Need to be sourced Sustainably and Responsibly. Here's how.](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Be sure to subscribe to [EPA's IAQ Bulletins](#)

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UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

USEPA: Public Hearing Notice for Proposed Determinations of Attainment by the Attainment Date, Extensions of the Attainment Date and Reclassification of Several Areas Classified as Moderate for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards

The notice has been signed announcing a new date for a public hearing and reopening the public comment period for our [Proposed Determinations of Attainment by the Attainment Date, Extensions of the Attainment Date and Reclassification of Several Areas Classified as Moderate for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards](#). The hearing will be held on Friday, February 15, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. (local time) or 2 hours after the end of testimony from the last registered speaker at EPA's Offices in Washington, DC. A pre-publication version of the [hearing notice is available here](#). To allow as much time as possible for the public to plan for and participate in this public hearing, EPA is making information about the hearing broadly available by posting the pre-publication version of the hearing notice on the web. In addition, interested speakers may register to speak now using [this online form](#).

2019 International Emission Inventory Conference Collaborative Partnerships to Advance Science and Policy

The U.S. EPA's 2019 International Emission Inventory Conference will be held in Dallas, Texas, July 29 – August 2, 2019.

REMINDER: ABSTRACTS DUE FEBRUARY 15, 2019. IF YOU SUBMITTED ABSTRACTS WHILE THE GOVERNMENT WAS CLOSED, PLEASE RESUBMIT THOSE ABSTRACTS TO 2019EIC@EPA.GOV. WE DISCOVERED THAT THE EMAIL LISTED ON THE WEBSITE BELOW WAS INCORRECT.

The 2019 International Emission Inventory Conference (IEIC) will focus on collaborative partnerships within the emissions inventory community. Participating organizations are expected to include state, local, tribal, regional, international agencies, researchers, industry and academia. Our conference will provide useful information on past and present collaborations as well as ongoing research. We hope to form new partnerships that can aid in overcoming challenges and improving national and international emission inventories.

For more information on possible sessions and submitting abstracts, please go to the [conference website](#). If you have questions about the abstract submission process, please contact:

Caroline Farkas, Ph.D. - Technical Program Chair; or Sally Dombrowski, Conference Coordinator at 2019EIC@EPA.GOV.

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals will be offering a new course "Using Compost to Grow Food on Tribal Lands" in Tucson, Arizona, April 9-11, 2019. This course is for employees of federally-recognized tribes and is intended to focus on diverting waste streams to create a usable product (compost) and using that compost to grow food.

This course will be taught by tribal presenters that have been successful in starting a composting program and using that compost to help them grow food. They will share their experiences, expertise, and tips for success on a variety of composting and growing topics of different scales. During this course, we will have the opportunity to visit two different styles of composting projects and farms in the Tucson area including: a mid-sized compost facility located on a farm that grows traditional foods, and a community garden with a three bin system that works in partnership with the Tucson Food Bank. These field trips will allow participants to better determine the right size composting program for their Tribe as well as get information on how to get started. Attendees will participate in small group activities, allowing them to work directly with fellow tribal professionals, putting into practice what they learn during the lectures.

This course will be limited to twenty participants. We anticipate a high degree of interest in this course, so a maximum of two applications from any one

tribe will be considered. The individuals selected will have their lodging covered by ITEP. All participants are responsible for their own travel and per diem.

If you are interested in applying for this course please submit an application to Julie.Jurkowski@nau.edu by Friday, February 15.

EPA Publishes Proposal to Revise Greenhouse Gas New Sources Performance Standards for Fossil Fuel-Fired Power Plants

The proposal is open for public comment through the extended deadline of March 18, 2019. For further information, click [here](#). The NTAA has released a Fact Sheet, and is currently preparing a Tribal Template Comment Letter for this proposal that will be [posted here](#). An informational webinar will be hosted by the NTAA on Wednesday, February 6, 2019. See “Top Stories” above for details.

20th Annual Ogden-Murphy-Wallace Tribal Environmental Seminar

Dates: Wednesday, March 27 – Thursday, March 28, 2019

Location: Seattle, WA

The theme for the 2019 Seminar is “Exercising Governmental Sovereignty: What have Tribal environmental programs accomplished in the last 20 years and what does the future hold?” For more information, call Jennifer Sanscrainte or Richard Du Bey at 206.447.7000.

Tribal Grants Education and Technical Assistance Webinar Series Second Wednesday of Every Month at 1pm ET

[For more information, click here!](#)

2019 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality – Celebrating 20 Years on May 6-9, 2019!

Hosted by the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians in Temecula, California, the NTF provides Tribal environmental professionals, EPA representatives, and other organizations an opportunity to meet and discuss current policies, regulatory initiatives, and technical topics in air quality. The NTF is a cooperative endeavor co-sponsored by The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and the National Tribal Air Association (NTAA), and made possible by funding from US EPA and our generous sponsors. [Check back here](#) in the coming weeks for registration information!

Save the date! The 2019 Tribal Lands & Environment Forum is scheduled for August 19-22, 2019 in Palm Springs, California. [More information here!](#)

EPA’s National Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Program was seeking early input from tribes and states on the selection of National Compliance Initiatives (NCIs) for fiscal years 2020-2023.

This early input was in advance of our planned publication of a Federal Register notice, which would provide a comment period for the broader public. On December 27, 2018, the EPA sent a letter initiating consultation and coordination on the NCIs to each federally recognized Indian tribe.

The letters indicated the consultation period was expected to run to February 4, 2019. Due to the government shutdown, EPA was unable to host two conference calls to conduct as part of the consultation and coordination process. EPA was also unable to provide notice to the public in the Federal Register. **As a result, EPA is now extending the consultation and coordination period and plan to hold conference calls on February 14, 2019 (4:00 – 5:00 p.m.) and February 19, 2019 (4:00 – 5:00 p.m.).** To participate on either/both calls, please call (202) 991-0477, identification code: 750499.

EPA will inform Tribes of the final consultation end date during the conference calls, the [Tribal Consultation Opportunities System](https://tcots.epa.gov) at <https://tcots.epa.gov>, and the NCI website at <https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/national-compliance-initiatives>.

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.

Wood Smoke Work Group: Join this work group to help address air quality issues arising from wood smoke	Wednesday, February 6, 3pm ET
Volkswagen Settlement Work Group: Continue to track the ongoing developments and help guide the process	Thursday, February 7, 2pm ET

STAR Work Group: Help in the creation of the Status of Tribal Air Report	Wednesday, February 13, 2pm ET
Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Join these calls to help address the air most people breathe most of the time	Thursday, February 21, 2pm ET
NTAA/EPA Air Policy Update Call: Receive air quality policy updates from EPA and NTAA	Thursday, February 28, 2pm ET

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 [2018-2019 AIAQTP Course Schedule](#)

Course Title	Dates	Location	Course Level
IAQ Diagnostic Tools	<i>Postponed due to federal shutdown</i>	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	2
Air Pollution Technology	March 12-15	Flagstaff, AZ	2
Air Quality in Alaska	March 19-21	Klawock, AK	1
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke (hybrid course)	April 2-3	Boise, ID	2
Air Quality Project Planning, QAPPs, and Grants for Alaska	April 9-12	Anchorage, AK	2
Fundamentals of Air Monitoring	April 16-18	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	2
Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Communities (lower 48)	TBD	TBD	3
NTF	May		
Introduction to Tribal Air Quality	June 4-7	Flagstaff, AZ	2
Air Pollution and Ecosystems	Late July	Flagstaff, AZ	2
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke (hybrid course)	January-March	Series of 6 Webinars	NA

Indoor Air Quality – Independent Study	Anytime	Independent Study	1
Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Cold Climates	Open	Online	1
Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Warm Climates	In development	Online	1
Residential Building Science Review	Open	Online	1
Radon Fundamentals	Open	Online	1
Quality Assurance Fundamentals (QA 101)	Open	Online	1
Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) (QA 201-209)	Open	Online	2
Emissions Inventory (self-paced, instructor assistance as needed)	Open	Online	3

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](#).

Climate Change / Energy

Rescheduled Webinar: Fourth National Climate Assessment – Tribes and Indigenous Peoples

Presented by the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) Climate Change Program

Date: Thursday, February 7

Time: 8 AM (HI) 9 AM (AK) 10 AM (PST) 11 AM (MST in U.S. and Alberta, Canada) 12 PM (CST) 1 PM (EST); for folks in New Zealand 7AM on February 8th [Click here to register for this free webinar](#)

This webinar is an installment of the *Topics in Climate Change Adaptation Planning* webinar series hosted by the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) [Climate Change Program](#).

Volume II of the Fourth National Climate Assessment (NCA4) summarizes the impacts of climate change on the United States, now and in the future. A team of more than 300 experts guided by a Federal Steering Committee produced the report, which was extensively reviewed by the public and experts, including federal agencies and a panel of the National Academy of Sciences. The report includes a Tribes and Indigenous Peoples chapter (Chapter 15) as well as regional and sectoral chapters.

Join us as NCA4 authors share an overview of the recently released assessment. Hear about how authors integrated indigenous issues and actions across the entire NCA4 through communicating with regional and sectoral chapter

leads and supporting opportunities for input from tribes. In addition to the review of NCA4 an [interactive mapping application](#) will also be demonstrated.

Please direct any questions to: Leanna Begay, Climate Change Program Coordinator Leanna.Begay@nau.edu

ENERGY STAR Webinars

February 6 and 13, Noon (ET) – Portfolio Manager: Ask the Expert

Most Wednesdays ENERGY STAR holds a live webinar that gives all Portfolio Manager users an opportunity to ask their questions directly to EPA experts in an open forum.

[Register](#)

February 6, 1 PM (ET) – Portfolio Manager 101

Learn about EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager tool. Attendees will learn how to: navigate Portfolio Manager; add a property and enter details about it; enter energy and water consumption data; and generate template performance reports to assess progress.

[Register](#)

February 12, 1 PM (ET) – Portfolio Manager 201

Continue to learn about EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager Tool with a deeper dive into more advanced functionalities such as editing property data; correcting and updating property use details; using the data quality checker; and sharing property data.

[Register](#)

February 19, 1 PM (ET) – Portfolio Manager 301

With a good background on the basic functionality of EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager Tool, learn about some advanced features including: using spreadsheet upload templates to update property data; setting goals and targets to plan energy improvements for properties; creating custom reports; and using the Sustainable Buildings Checklist.

[Register](#)

February 27, 1 PM (ET) – Best Practices for Benchmarking your Building

Whether you're new to benchmarking your energy use in Portfolio manager or a seasoned user, join us to learn basic best practices and some lesser known methods to benchmark and obtain an accurate score. We'll cover topics such as what to exclude from your property, applying Data Center Energy Estimates, and what to

include in your property description. Learn how to avoid common benchmarking pitfalls that may delay the process of earning ENERGY STAR certification.

[Register](#)

ITEP's Climate Change Adaptation Training Courses registration is online!

[Learn more about the courses and register here.](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Webinar: The influence of storm-wildfire cycles on radionuclide contaminant transport at the Pueblo de San Ildefonso

Wednesday, February 27, 11am-12:30pm MT/1pm-2:30pm ET

The Pueblo de San Ildefonso is located directly adjacent and downstream of the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), New Mexico. Releases of hazardous substances from this nuclear facility dating back to the 1940s have resulted in a legacy of contamination, including radionuclides, metals and other contaminants in local canyons. In particular, canyon-bottom soils and sediments in Los Alamos and Pueblo canyons are contaminated with plutonium and other radionuclides upstream of the Pueblo de San Ildefonso. We evaluated the effect of cycles of wildfire and subsequent storm events on the mobilization and transport of plutonium in the canyons, and impacts to the Pueblo. Forest fires, including the 2000 Cerro Grande and the 2011 Las Conchas fires, have resulted in decreased soil/sediment retention in the canyon watersheds, and increased sediment transport during subsequent storm events. This has in turn resulted in mobilization and downstream transport of sediment-bound plutonium contamination, and deposition on Pueblo lands.

For more information and to register for this webinar, [please click here](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

EPA Clean Diesel Webinars

February 6, 2 PM (ET) - Informational webinar about Request for Applications for the 2019 Clean Diesel National Grants

EPA is anticipating approximately \$40 million of Diesel Emission Reduction Program (DERA) grant funds to support projects aimed at reducing emissions from the nation's existing fleet of older diesel engines to be available under this competition. Between 40 and 80 awards are anticipated to be made to eligible applicants. Join this webinar to learn about program details, changes this year, eligible entities, funding, proposal submission, evaluation criteria and more. There will be a question and answer period. [Application materials and eligibility information is available now.](#)

[Join](#)

Dial-In: (202) 991-0477

Participant Code: 4149804#

Indoor Air Quality

The NTAA IAQ work group will present an informational webinar called *Policy Tools to Improve Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Homes*

March 6, 2019, at 3:30pm ET

You are invited to join NTAA's Indoor Air Quality Work Group for an Informational Webinar: Policy Tools to Improve Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Homes. This webinar will explore how Tribes may create and utilize policy tools like building codes to improve IAQ in Tribal Homes. The 1 ½ hour-long webinar will include case studies from several tribes and highlight important information from EPA's 2015 [Tribal Green Building Toolkit](#). To join the webinar, [please register here](#).

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

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***

February Is National Cancer Prevention Month

During National Cancer Prevention Month, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ([EPA](#)), the American Cancer Society ([ACS](#)) and the American Institute for Cancer Research ([AICR](#)) are working to inform Americans about how lifestyle can help reduce cancer risk and keep you healthy.

Research has shown that minimizing your exposure to [radon](#) and [secondhand tobacco smoke](#) can help reduce your risk of developing some types of cancer.

About 30,000 Americans or 20 percent of people who died from [lung cancer](#) in the United States in 2018 never smoked or used any form of tobacco. Researchers have made significant progress in understanding what causes lung cancer in people who have never smoked.

A few simple changes can help reduce your risk—

- [Test](#) your home for radon. Radon claims the lives of about 21,000 Americans each year; it is also the leading cause of lung cancer death among nonsmokers in the United States. If elevated levels are found, they can be reduced.
- Make your home smoke-free, smoke outside or quit smoking.

Learn more about National Cancer Prevention Month from the [AICR](#).

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

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Now Hiring!

The Cultural Conservancy is hiring a Chief Operating Officer

Priority given to complete applications received by January 31, 2019, but qualified applicants will be considered beyond that date.

More information, visit <http://www.nativeland.org/coo>

University of New Hampshire Summer Sustainability Fellowships

[Applications](#) are now being accepted for the [2019 UNH Summer Sustainability Fellowships](#). Sustainability Fellowships are a fantastic opportunity to gain unique hands-on experience, make valuable connections throughout New England, and contribute to impactful work over the summer. Graduate and upper-class undergraduate students from any discipline are encouraged to apply. More information is available on [our website](#). All are welcome to attend the [info session](#) on January 31, 2019, or the [webinar](#) on February 1, 2019.

Applications are due by February 7, 2019.

ITEP 2019 Student Summer Internship

Apply now for an 8-week summer internship. More information can be found at www.nau.edu/itepinterns. Application deadline is February 25, 2019. Questions? Contact EEOP-Intern@nau.edu.

Cahuilla Band of Indians is hiring an Environmental Manager

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

Inter Tribal Council of Arizona is hiring an Emergency Preparedness Specialist

Date posted: February 1, 2019; Open Until Filled

More information, visit <http://itcaonline.com/>

Inter Tribal Council of Arizona is hiring an Environmental Specialist for the Tribal Air Quality Program

Date posted: February 1, 2019; Open Until Filled

More information, visit <http://itcaonline.com/>

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes**EPA Environmental Justice Small Grants Opportunity is Now Open! 2019 Request for Proposals**

Full Proposal Due Date: Friday, February 15, 2019 by 11:59 PM Eastern Time

The Environmental Justice Small Grants (EJSG) program awards grants that support community-driven projects designed to engage, educate, and empower communities to better understand local environmental and public health issues and develop strategies for addressing those issues, building consensus in the community, and setting community priorities. The EJSG program will award approximately \$1.5 million nationwide for this competitive opportunity. EPA anticipates awarding approximately 50 grants (5 per EPA region) of up to \$30,000 each. These grants are for one-year projects. See additional details at: [FY2019 EJ Small Grants RFP webpage](#)

Informational Pre-Application Assistance Calls (Eastern Time)

- Thursday January 31, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Go directly to the EJSG program website to access the full RFP including instructions on applying through [Grants.gov: FY2019 EJ Small Grants RFP webpage](#).

Virgil Masayesva Excellence Award Call for Nominations

The TAMS Center is announcing a call for nominations for the Virgil Masayesva Tribal Air Programs Excellence Award. The nomination deadline is February 22, 2019, and can be [submitted online](#). For further information, please contact either Farshid Farsi, TAMS-EPA Codirector (Farsi.Farshid@epa.gov or 702-784-8263), or Christopher Lee, TAMS-ITEP Codirector (christopher.lee@nau.edu or 702-784-8278).

TAMS Steering Committee Open Seat Nominations

The TAMS Center is also announcing a call for nominations for a position on the Steering Committee. The nomination deadline is February 28, 2019, and can be [submitted online](#). For further information, please contact either Farshid Farsi, TAMS-EPA Codirector (Farsi.Farshid@epa.gov or 702-784-8263), or Christopher Lee, TAMS-ITEP Codirector (christopher.lee@nau.edu or 702-784-8278).

EPA Publishes Final FY2019 Exchange Network Grant Solicitation Notice

The FY 2019 National Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program Solicitation Notice is now [available here](#). *Applications are due to EPA by 11:59 PM Eastern Time, April 1, 2019.* Information on stakeholder webinars will be provided shortly.

The primary outcome expected from Exchange Network (EN) assistance agreements is improved access to, and exchange of, high-quality environmental data from public and private sector sources. With this outcome in mind, applications should demonstrate support for and results toward EN program priorities.

In FY 2019, EPA expects to award over \$7 million for 20-30 assistance agreements for EN projects. Most awards will be in the \$50,000 to \$300,000 range. Awards for an individual assistance agreement cannot exceed \$200,000. EPA may make a limited number of awards to collaborative, partnership assistance agreements. Budgets for these projects cannot exceed \$400,000. The exact number of assistance agreements will depend on the final amount of EPA's appropriation for the EN grant program, the number of applications submitted to EPA by the application deadline, the amounts of proposed budgets, and the outcome of application reviews.

EPA only accepts project proposals for EN assistance agreements submitted electronically through Grants.gov, unless applicants have a waiver. EPA anticipates that it will announce selection decisions in or around August 2019, and tentatively plans to issue awards by September 30, 2019.

For more information, please contact:

Edward Mixon, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, P: 202-566-2142, E: mixon.edward [at] epa.gov

Climate Change/Energy

Toxics/Mobile Sources

EPA Tribal Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program FY18 – \$2 million

Applications Due: April 3, 2019

Eligible Entities: Tribal governments and Alaska Native Villages which have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality

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 located in areas designated as having poor air quality. Further, priority for funding will 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. For more information, visit the Clean Diesel Tribal Grants [web page](#).

Indoor Air Quality

The National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management deadline extended

Due to the government shutdown, the deadline to apply for EPA's National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management is now February 18, 2019. [Apply now!](#)

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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