



National Tribal Air Association

NTAA Weekly Update

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TOP STORIES

NTAA wishes to congratulate the newly appointed Tribal members of the U.S. EPA's Clean Air Act Advisory Committee (CAAAC):

* **Natalene Cummings**, Air Quality Program Manager - Forest County Potawatomi Community

* **Melanie Lawson** – Air Quality Program Coordinator - Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma; and

* **Kris Ray**, Air Quality Program Manager - Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation

They will be starting their work soon to advise the U.S. EPA on air quality issues. Please join us in congratulating Natalene, Melanie and Kris! More information on the CAAAC can be [found here](#).

Greenwire – [Pruitt eyes faster tribal Superfund cleanups – caucus chair](#)

Arizona Daily Sun - [Rez uranium a challenge](#)

New York Times - [What's at Stake in Trump's Proposed E.P.A. Cuts](#)

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Pacific Standard – [The Difficulty, and Importance, of Tracking U.S. Methane Emissions](#)

Indianz.com – [Resource extraction brings few benefits for tribes](#)

Washington Post - [D.C. Circuit grants EPA's request to delay smog rule case](#)

Seattle PI - [Northwest EPA worker blasts new boss in resignation](#)

NPR - [Cash-Strapped State Environmental Agencies Brace for Budget Cuts](#)

The Hill – [EPA shutting down climate adaptation program](#)

E&E News - [Trump may change or scrap Obama ozone standard](#)

E&E News - [White House moves to kill lawsuit over 2-for-1 order](#)

Indianz.com - [Tribes enter a new era with conservative lean at Supreme Court](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

Bloomberg News - [Time Running Out for Trump to Rescue This Coal Giant for Tribes](#)

Washington Post - [Climate change could destroy far more Arctic permafrost than expected — which worsens climate change](#)

Colorlines - [How One Small Tribe Beat Coal and Built a Solar Plant](#)

E&E News - [Southwest asks: If coal dies, what comes next?](#)

Indian Country Today – [Northern Cheyenne Sue to Block Coal Mining on Public Lands](#)

CNN – [Great Barrier Reef ‘cooking and dying’ as seas heat up, warn scientists](#)

Fusion – [Trump’s Domestic War on Climate Action has Propelled States into Battle](#)

ARS Technica – [Aggressive emissions cutbacks would drop heat waves in half in 20 years](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Inside Climate News – [Alaska Oil and Gas Spills Prompt Call for Inspection of All Cook Inlet Pipelines](#)

Washington Post – [Trump moves to open Atlantic coast to oil drilling for the first time in more than 30 years](#)

Texas Monthly – [A Houston Company is Set to Massively Expand Its Canadian Pipeline. Expect Standing Rock-Like Resistance from Canadian Frist Nation Tribes and Environmentalists.](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Globe Newswire – [United States \\$10+ Billion Indoor Air Quality Market, 2021](#)

Cooling Post – [Changing color of indoor air quality](#)

Photos from the field

Christian Science Monitor – [Appalachia’s new trail: finding life after coal](#)



An abandoned coal preparation plant rusts away in Kentucky’s Knott County – a symbol of the coal industry’s decline. Photo credit: Alfredo Sosa/Staff

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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>Volkswagen Work Group Call: Discuss the latest developments in the VW Settlement</p>	<p>Thursday, April 20, 2pm ET</p>
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EPA Grants Award Process Webinar

Date: Wednesday, April 12, 2017

Time: 2:00 – 3:00 PM ET

EPA's Office of Grants and Debarment periodically hosts webinars for the EPA grants community. If you are interested in applying for EPA grants or are currently managing an EPA grant, please consider attending the upcoming webinar listed below. Please see <https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-grants-award-process-webinars> for current information and materials. The webinar will cover grants topics, including: how to find and apply for grant opportunities; EPA's Grants.gov requirement; and preparing a proper budget detail. In addition, we will be hosting a Q&A session during the second half of the webinar.

You do not need to register. If you wish to attend, just go to the following link a few minutes before the webinar starts: [Grant Award Process Webinar](#). There is no call-in number – audio will be broadcast through your computer speakers or headphones.

Prosper Sustainably, the Pala Environmental Department (PED), and Yavapai Apache Nation Environmental Protection Department (YANEPD) will be conducting a webinar on "How the Pala Tribe and Yavapai Apache Nation Developed and Use an EPA-Tribal Environmental Plan (ETEP)" on **Wednesday, April 19, 2017 from 9:30am to 10:30am Pacific Time**. To register, please click [here](#).

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.](#)

2017 Exchange Network National Meeting

May 16-18, 2017

Sheraton Philadelphia Society Hill

More information: www.exchangenetwork.net/en2017

The theme for EN2017 is “Innovation and Partnership.” During the meeting, we will be exploring examples of:

- How innovation can cross Federal, State, Territorial, and Tribal boundaries;
- How working creatively together as Partners can identify innovative solutions;
- How Partnerships are the new “best practice;” and
- How we can all employ innovation in our daily work.

TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRIBES. The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) will provide a limited number of travel scholarships to eligible individuals representing federally recognized Tribes and/or eligible Tribal organizations. Support for airfare, mileage, lodging, and per diem is available. Funding will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information or to request a scholarship, please contact ITEP’s Lydia Scheer at lydia.scheer@nau.edu

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		
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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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!

Office of Environmental Resource Management (OERM) is hiring a Tribal Climate Science Liaison

The Tribal Climate Science Liaison will serve as a technical expert on climate change issues, resource vulnerability, and climate adaptation actions to Tribal

nations in the USET region, and more broadly in the combined region comprising the Department of Interior's Northeast Climate Science Center and Southeast Climate Science Center (NE CSC and SE CSC). The Tribal Climate Science Liaison will be responsible to develop and implement a communication, education and outreach program; identify climate research needs and priorities; and provide climate adaptation planning support to Tribal nations. He/she will also integrate program and research results into budget documents, annual reports, or other documents. The Tribal Climate Science Liaison will participate in a network of Tribal climate science liaisons within the Climate Science Center system; and a national workgroup of Tribal organizations, Tribal colleges, and other partners to address policy and resource issues associated with Tribal climate resilience. This position will be based at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Position posted: April 5, 2017

Closing date: Open until filled

More information: Tammy Neptune tneptune@usetinc.org

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](#).

Quinault Indian Nation is seeking a Fire Management Officer/Fire Chief

This position is responsible for the planning, programming, administration, development, coordination, and supervision of the Fire/Fuels Program for the Quinault Indian Reservation. This includes both wildland fire and structure fire. Duties include, but are not limited to fire preparedness, fire prevention, fire operations, dispatch to off-site fires, mechanical site preparation, prescribed fire, budgets, payroll, support action fires, fire rehabilitation, and wildland/structure firefighting and training.

A Quinault Indian Nation application must be received by COB on 4/20/2017. Go to <http://quinaultindiannation.com/jobs.htm> for the job description, application form and instructions or contact Misty Schmidt, Human Resources, at 360-276-8215 ext4611. For further information, please contact Jim Plampin at 360-276-8215, ext. 290 or jplampin@quinault.org

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Wildland Fire Sensors Challenge

Six federal agencies have announced a Wildland Fire Sensors Challenge seeking an accurate, lower-cost, and low-maintenance air quality monitoring system that can be used during a wildfire or controlled fire. The data provided by the sensor system will help federal, state, local and tribal agencies protect the health of first responders and communities affected by the smoke.

Developers are encouraged to submit a prototype sensor system that measures fine particulate matter (PM2.5), carbon monoxide (CO), ozone (O3) and carbon dioxide (CO2). The system should be capable of rapid deployment and continuous real-time monitoring of highly dynamic air pollution levels during a fire event. Developers should also aim for designs that are easy to use and self-powered; include location data; and wirelessly transmit data to a central data-receiving station.

Written submissions are due by **Nov. 22, 2017** and prototypes must be submitted by **Jan. 5, 2018**. The sensor systems will be evaluated in government specialty labs based on 1) accuracy over a wide range of pollutant levels, 2) system cost, and 3) operation requirements relevant for wildland fire deployment. All developers who submit prototypes will receive direct feedback on laboratory tests and end user

review.

The Challenge total award pool is \$60,000, which may be awarded in total to one winner if all the requirements are met, or divided into several partial awards. Prize winner(s) will be selected following the conclusion of judging in summer 2018.

The sponsors of the Sensors Challenge are the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Forest Service (USFS), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and National Park Service (NPS). The non-profit organization, Tall Timbers Research Station, is also a partner.

To learn more, visit: www.challenge.gov/challenge/wildland-fire-sensors-challenge

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 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, April 12, 2017. (Past copies can be accessed [here](#)).

Rule

Tolerance Exemptions: Monoethanolamine

FR Document: [2017-07130](#) Citation: 82 FR 17563 [PDF](#) Pages 17563-17569 (7 pages) [Permalink](#)

Proposed Rule

Chlorinated Phosphate Ester (CPE) Cluster:

TSCA Section 21 Petition; Reasons for Agency Response

FR Document: [2017-07404](#) Citation: 82 FR 17601 [PDF](#) Pages 17601-17613 (13 pages) [Permalink](#)

Relaxation of Federal Reid Vapor Pressure Gasoline Volatility Standards:

Davidson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson Counties, Tennessee

FR Document: [2017-07399](#) Citation: 82 FR 17597 [PDF](#) Pages 17597-17601 (5 pages) [Permalink](#)

Notice

Meetings:

Human Studies Review Board

FR Document: [2017-07134](#) Citation: 82 FR 17658 [PDF](#) Pages 17658-17659 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

Pesticide Product Registrations:

Receipt of Applications for New Uses

FR Document: [2017-07406](#) Citation: 82 FR 17659 [PDF](#) Pages 17659-17660 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

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