



National Tribal Air Association

NTAA Weekly Update

*Week of October 2nd –
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TOP STORIES

October 2, 2017, is officially the Trust Effective Date (TED) for the Volkswagen Settlement. Tribes have 90 days from Monday's TED to become beneficiaries for the first year of the Settlement. For more information on this Settlement and on how to apply for beneficiary status, please visit the [NTAA Volkswagen Settlement Work Group page](#).

In addition, the National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA) and the National Association of State Energy Offices (NASEO) have created a great website for states on the VW Settlement. You can view the [VW Clearinghouse here](#).

EPA's FY 2018-2022 draft Strategic Plan will be published in the [Federal Register tomorrow](#) and will be open for public comments through October 31. EPA will be hosting several **Tribal Consultation Conference Calls:**

- Tuesday October 17, 2-4 pm Eastern (Call-in number: 1-866-299-3188; Access code: 202-564-4855)
- Tuesday October 24, 2-4 pm Eastern (Call-in number: 1-866-299-3188; Access code: 202-564-4855)

EPA has released Responses to Comments on the Draft Overview to the FY 2018-2019 NPM Guidances. Click here to view the [Response to Comments on Draft Overview to the FY 2018-2019 NPM Guidances \(PDF\)](#).

The NTAA Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Work Group is hosting an upcoming webinar on the topic of **IAQ & Methamphetamine on Thursday, Oct 19, 2017, at 2 PM EST, 11 AM PST**. We invite you to join and learn more about this ongoing problem in tribal communities and the sensitive challenges it presents for families across Indian Country. Please [click here](#) to register for the webinar. We look forward to your participation!

E&E News – [Tribal issues absent from court's fracking rule decision](#)

Cronkite News – [Peabody says potential buyers could keep Navajo Generating Station open](#)

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

EPA – [About EPA's Chief of Operations](#)

Ensia – [What Does the Environment Have to Do With Autism?](#)

NPR – [An Absent EPA Climate Report, And a Tale of Two Flooded Superfund Sites](#)

E&E News – [EPA: Agency's Puerto Rico chief knows disasters, resists climate](#)

E&E News – [Moves to open ANWR could gain momentum](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

NY Times – [What's Up in Coal Country: Alternative-Energy Jobs?](#)

Fortune - [The EPA Could Soon Formally Propose Repealing Obama's Key Climate Change Regulation](#)

Ensia – [Three Ways Nanomaterials Could Help Combat Climate Change and Prevent Pollution](#)

Ensia – [Home and away: New report offers tools and strategies for successful climate relocation](#)

Ensia – [The Surprising Effect of Ocean Waves on Global Climate](#)

Reuters – [U.S. energy head seeks help for coal, nuclear power plants](#)

E&E News – [Surprising some, tropics aren't a carbon sink – study](#)

E&E News – [Perry opens ‘shooting war’ in power markets](#)

High Country News – [The Seri adapt to climate change in the desert](#)

AP News – [Ohio environmentalists, neighbors divided over wind turbines](#)

AP News – [Northeast farmers grappling with weather fluctuations](#)

Los Angeles Times – [Ancient bristlecone pine forests are being overwhelmed by climate change](#)

Reuters – [Renewable energy investors see opportunity in Puerto Rico’s demolished grid](#)

Gizmodo – [We’ve Grossly Underestimated How Much Cow Farts Are Contributing to Global Warming](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Ensia – [Could This One Simple Idea Be the Key To Solving Farmer-Environmentalist Conflicts?](#)

The Olympian – [Brine spill heightens tribe concern about pipeline material](#)

Star Tribune – [Wild rice waters a big reason Indian tribes oppose Enbridge pipeline project](#)

New York Times – [G.M. and Ford Lay Out Plans to Expand Electric Models](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Ensia – [Are Hazardous Vapors Seeping Into Your Home?](#)

Photos from the field

Indianz – [Mountain Protector Prayer Walk calls attention to sacred San Francisco Peaks](#)



The sacred San Francisco Peaks in Arizona. Photo: [Tyler Finvold](#)

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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 Settlement Work Group: Stay informed about the VW settlement with these monthly calls</p>	<p>Thursday, October 5, 2pm ET *Note this is a change in date*</p>
<p>Indoor Air Quality Work Group Webinar and Federal Listening Session: Methamphetamines and IAQ</p>	<p>Thursday, October 19, 2pm ET Register here!</p>
<p>EPA Policy Update Call: Receive updates from EPA</p>	<p>Thursday, October 26, 2pm ET</p>

The Federal Interagency Committee on Indoor Air Quality (CIAQ) will hold its next public webinar meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, beginning at 1:00 p.m. EDT. Webinar registration: attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8571619312710119683.

Access & Awareness Webinar No. 10: A Seat at the Table: Environmental Justice and a New Generation of Leaders

Date: 10/05/2017

Time: 1:00pm - 2:30pm Eastern

To register: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-seat-at-the-table-environmental-justice-and-a-new-generation-of-leaders-tickets-37461218513>

Description: Is your agency or organization interested in learning about effective approaches to engage young people in environmental justice and environmental stewardship? Young people can bring fresh perspectives to environmental and public health challenges. The Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice (EJ IWG) is working to support youth involvement in issues affecting their community by increasing awareness of youth-driven projects and providing the space to hear how organizations and agencies can more effectively engage young people. Join us to hear insights from three organizations that are creating a new generation of leaders by engaging young people in projects that are helping to build stronger communities and provide resources to those that are most in need. Through this webinar the EJ IWG is working to increase awareness about youth-driven projects across the country and provide the space to hear from young adults on how our organizations and agencies can more effectively engage young people. Join us to hear insights from three emerging leaders who are actively working to engage young people in projects that are helping to build stronger communities, increase sustainability and provide resources to those that are most in need.

Background: Established by Executive Order 12898, the Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice (EJ IWG) comprises 17 federal agencies and White House Offices that work together to guide, support and enhance environmental justice and community-based activities. Check out the [EJ IWG Webpage](#) for more information. The EJ IWG is hosting the [Access & Awareness Webinar Series](#) to provide public with access to the working group and to increase community awareness of federal agency environmental justice strategies and holistic community-based solutions to address environmental justice issues. This series will help the public gain a deeper understanding of how federal agencies are collaborating and what resources are available to anyone interested in improving

the health, quality-of-life, and economic opportunities in overburdened communities.

Webinar on EPA Policy on Environmental Justice for Working with Federally Recognized Tribes and Indigenous Peoples & EJ SCREEN - EPA's Environmental Justice Screening Tool

The USEPA Office of Environmental Justice and USEPA Region 9 EJ Program are hosting a webinar to provide an overview of the [*EPA Policy on Environmental Justice for Working with Federally Recognized Tribes and Indigenous Peoples*](#) (Tribal/Indigenous EJ Policy) & the EPA's environmental justice screening tool –[EJSCREEN](#). Through this webinar, EPA seeks to expand the awareness and understanding of federally recognized tribes, other indigenous peoples, states and other interested stakeholders about this Policy and this tool in order to promote their use and identify opportunities for coordination and collaboration to advance environmental justice.

Scope and Focus of the Tribal/Indigenous EJ Policy - The Policy focuses on EPA's work with federally recognized tribes, state recognized tribes, tribal members, indigenous community-based/grassroots organizations, Native Hawaiians, individual Native Americans, and others living in Indian country. The Policy also discusses EPA's work with other federal agencies, state agencies, and other interested groups on addressing environmental justice concerns.

EJSCREEN - is an environmental justice mapping and screening tool that provides EPA with a nationally consistent dataset and approach for combining environmental and demographic indicators.

The webinar will be held on **Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time** for interested parties. The Adobe Connect link

is: <http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/tribalindigenousejpolicy-ejscreen/>

Conference call number: 1-866-299-3188, access code 202-564-2576#.

Information on the Tribal/Indigenous EJ Policy and EJSCREEN can be found at: Tribal/Indigenous EJ Policy -

<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-tribes-and-indigenous-peoples>

EJSCREEN - <https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen>

R9 Tribal EPA 25th Annual Conference

October 30-November 2, 2017

Alpine, California, Viejas Casino & Resort

[Register here!](#)

Notice of Tribal Consultation for EPA's Draft FY18-22 Strategic Plan

EPA's Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) is currently conducting consultation and coordination with tribes on EPA's FY2018-2022 Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan communicates the agency's priorities, the measurable environmental and human health outcomes the public can expect over the next four years, and the long-term blueprint for achieving those results. It also serves as the basis for agency-wide program planning and informs annual budget development and decision making. The plan covers important areas of interest that impact tribes.

The Plan is expected to be available for review in late September, with the consultation period ending on October 31, 2017. Several conference calls are being planned and communication has been sent to tribal leadership on Sept. 7, 2017. For more information, contact Emily Heller (heller.emily@epa.gov or phone: 202-564-3332) or Allison Mihalich (mihalich.allison@epa.gov or phone: 202-564-1534).

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The draft plan will be made available on EPA's Strategic Planning website in the coming weeks: <http://www2.epa.gov/planandbudget/strategicplan>

Check out this [Public Service Announcement](#) produced by the Gila River Indian Community for the upcoming Tribal Environmental Health Forum: Bridging Tribal Communities to Healthy Futures, on Thursday, October 19-Friday, October 20, 2017 at the [Anthony B. Shelde Building](#) at Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino, 5692 West North Loop Road, Chandler, AZ 85226. [Click here](#) for more information.

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

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 and 2018 AIAQTP Course Schedule](#)

Course Title	Dates	Location
2017		
Air Quality & IAQ in Alaska	October 10-13	Nome, AK
IAQ in Tribal Communities (lower 48)	November 6-8	Albuquerque, NM
Treatment As a State (TAS)	November 14-16	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Fundamentals of Air Monitoring	December 4-6	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
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
NTF	May	TBD
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
Emissions Inventory (self-paced, instructor assistance as needed)	Open	Online

Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke	January-March	Hybrid (webinars/classroom)
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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](#).

Climate Change / Energy

Drawdown: 60 minutes with Paul Hawken – The most comprehensive plan ever proposed to reverse global warming

Wednesday, October 4, 1:15PM-2:15PM EDT

[Register here](#)

Why Are All These Hurricanes Happening Now? Join the Hoover Institution, New America, and Penn State's Center for Solutions to Climate and Weather Risk for an evening of discussion about bad weather, climate change, and the importance of building resilience at 5pm EST today in DC. Click [here](#) for more information.

EPA webinar series: Bringing Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy to Low-Income Communities: What's Working

To showcase promising practices for ensuring that low-income households share in the multiple benefits of energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, EPA hosted a webinar series covering different themes (multifamily affordable housing, solar energy, and others) that feature on-the-ground experts sharing their practical insights on how to design and deliver successful programs. All three recorded webinars are available online:

- **Webcast 1** - [Better Together: Linking and Leveraging Energy Efficiency Programs for Low-Income Households](#)
- **Webcast 2** - [Beyond the Light Touch: Next Steps for Improving Energy Efficiency in Multi-Family Affordable Housing](#)
- **Webcast 3** - [Solar for All: Making it Happen in Low-Income Communities](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Free Underground Storage Tanks Remediation and Inspector Training and Resources Online

You can obtain free remediation and UST inspector training and resources online. Below are short descriptions and links to these websites.

TechDirect – Information service that highlights new publications and events of interest to site remediation and site assessment professionals. More information available [here](#).

ITRC Training – Remediation training in-person, online, and archived courses [here](#). (Note some courses have registration fees.)

NEIWPCC UST Inspector Training Webinar Archive – UST inspector and equipment webinar archive [here](#).

NEIWPCC LUST/Corrective Action Webinar Archive – Leaking UST webinar archive [here](#).

EPA UST website – Information on preventing and detecting UST releases [here](#).

EPA Leaking UST website – Information on cleaning up UST releases [here](#).

Indoor Air Quality

HEALTHY HOUSING – Strategies to Address Environmental Hazards; Making Homes and Neighborhoods Safer and Healthier

Date: Wednesday, October 4, 2017

Time: 10:00 - 11:00 am PT / 1:00 - 2:00 pm ET

Description: Housing plans typically address issues such as access to affordable housing, zoning concerns, blight, new development, or rehabilitation. But few systematically address the hazards posed by toxic exposures in homes and neighborhoods, or use land use plans explicitly to address health outcomes. Moreover, prevailing public planning processes do not reliably deliver healthy housing to all residents. Low-income neighborhoods and communities of color have been particularly underserved by current planning systems.

To substantially improve health outcomes, different approaches to housing are necessary. In order for children and communities to thrive, housing must be more than affordable; it must be “healthy” and promote the physical health that will allow all to reach their full potential. Healthy housing and neighborhoods are free from toxins and threats from the built environment such as unsafe streets, violence, poor air quality, industrial chemical exposures, allergens, mold, or pests.

Healthy housing is an essential element of an equitable community, along with crucial factors such as educational and economic opportunity, transportation, healthy food, and strong social and cultural networks.

PolicyLink has been working at the intersection of health, housing, data research, and community-oriented planning to broaden understanding of the importance of healthy housing. The webinar will explore the work of several organizations that have pioneered approaches to remedying toxic threats to housing and involving residents of neighborhoods being impacted in advocating for planning and land use policies that address their needs.

The webinar will also introduce a curriculum that PolicyLink has designed to guide advocates focused on housing, health, and environmental justice issues through the public planning process.

[Register here!](#)

NEHA 2018 AEC and HUD Healthy Homes Conference, Anaheim, CA – June 25-28, Call for Abstracts due: Oct. 31, 2017

NEHA is excited to announce the [Call for Abstracts](#) for the NEHA 2018 Annual Educational Conference (AEC) & Exhibition and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Healthy Homes Conference, being held on June 25–28, 2018, at the Anaheim Marriott in California. NEHA and HUD are partnering again to offer their conferences together.

Don't miss this opportunity to share your knowledge, experience, and research with a global environmental health audience.

NEHA welcomes abstracts that cover a full range of environmental health topics, as well as emerging and current topics such as the safety of marijuana edibles and home restaurants, the opioid epidemic, groundwater issues, and proven technologies.

We seek abstracts that bring the latest advances in environmental health, unique responses to protection problems, and practical applications in the public and private sectors.

Submission deadline is October 31.

To submit your abstract online, please view our [AEC Abstract Submission Guidelines](#). Check out the [2018 AEC website](#) for more details about the conference.

Questions? Please contact [Kristie Denbrock](#), NEHA's Education Coordinator.

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RESOURCES

Now Hiring!

The USFS and the Wildlife Society are seeking Native American Research Assistantships

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Premier Partner of The Wildlife Society, is sponsoring a research assistantship program for Native American students. Short-term assistantships are available for Native American students interested in wildlife and forest resources and excited to learn and work with an interdisciplinary team of researchers. Applicants must be a member of an American Indian or Alaska Native tribe, First Nations, or a Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, or have some other indigenous identification, and be currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program from an accredited academic institution. A bachelor's or master's degree in wildlife biology, ecology, forestry or other closely related natural resource discipline is preferred. Students with Associates degrees from TCUs or other community colleges will be considered. The deadline application is October 18, 2017. [Follow this link for more information.](#)

Ak-Chin Indian Community is hiring a Water Quality Specialist

Job Title: Water Quality Specialist

Pay Range: \$18.32 - \$21.53 per hour (\$38,102 - \$44,770)

Reports to: Environmental Programs Manager

Supervises: Not a Supervisory Position

Summary: Under general supervision of the Environmental Protection Director and direct supervision of the Environmental Programs Manager, the Water Quality Specialist will be responsible for a number of water quality activities on the Ak-Chin Indian Community/Reservation. This is treated as a non-exempt position.

More information: www.ak-chin.nsn.us

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Indian Health Service is pleased to announce the Zero Suicide Initiative Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcement (NOFO).

IHS anticipates making a total of 8 awards for \$3.2 million to IHS facilities, Tribes, and tribal or urban Indian organizations to improve the health care system for those at risk for suicide by implementing a comprehensive, culturally-informed, multi-setting approach. Individual award amounts are anticipated to be \$400,000.

The deadline for the application submission is October 12, 2017.

For Tribes, Tribal organizations, and UIOs:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/08/21/2017-17599/division-of-behavioral-health-office-of-clinical-and-preventive-services-zero-suicide>

For IHS Federal Facilities:

<https://www.ihs.gov/suicideprevention/zerosuicide/fundingannouncement/>

For any questions, please contact LCDR Sean K. Bennett by phone at: 301-443-0104 or by email at: sean.bennett@ihs.gov

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

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs have developed a series of short videos on climate change impacts and community concerns. You can learn more and view them [by following this link](#).

U.S. EPA Information Resources on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in Low-Income Communities Now Available

EPA has recently completed a collection of [11 case studies and program profiles](#) to highlight effective efforts by state and local agencies, non-profits, and utilities to bring energy efficiency and renewable energy to low-income communities. The collection features proven, practical, scalable, replicable, and sustainable programs and policies, focusing on how they overcame common barriers that often prevent effective delivery of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects to low-income households.

Sign up for the [Alliance for Green Heat](#)'s newsletter!

To view and/or receive ITEP's [Climate Change newsletter, click here!](#)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Cultural Survival Keepers of the Earth Fund Call For Applications

Cultural Survival is pleased to announce the Keepers of the Earth Fund (KOEf) Call for Applications. The KOEF is a small grants fund that supports Indigenous values-based community development. These grants have supported Indigenous-led projects on the leading edge of solutions to the most pressing issues for Indigenous Peoples everywhere.

Through the general KOEF, Cultural Survival intends to provide grants ranging between \$500 and \$5,000 to Indigenous-led and -controlled organizations and groups around the world.

Grants can support projects focused on a vast array of development activities. Applications will be viewed with an eye toward innovation, Indigenous values woven into the design of the project, and projects addressing real-time development needs. The connection between Indigenous values and the proposed project should be clearly articulated.

The primary purpose of the Keepers of the Earth Fund is to empower grassroots Indigenous communities in establishing their rights and retaining their traditional values.

We seek to fund projects that work in collaboration with others for the larger community as opposed to working alone. We encourage partnerships and networking, capacity building for results, and strategic approaches to Indigenous development.

Grant applications will be accepted through October 27, 2017. For guidelines and grant applications for the KOEF, please visit <https://www.cs.org/programs/advocacy/koef> or contact koef@cs.org.

The Center for Indigenous Politics and Policy (CIPP) is accepting applications for the Native American Political Leadership Program (NAPLP) for Spring 2018

NAPLP is a full scholarship program for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian undergraduate and graduate students to study applied politics at the George Washington University in Washington, DC. As part of the Semester in Washington Politics program, NAPLP is funded by a generous gift from AT&T. The scholarship covers up to nine credits in tuition, on-campus housing, round-trip air travel, and a stipend for books (\$250) and living expenses (\$2,400 in two installments). Students also have the opportunity to have an internship in places such as a congressional office, national tribal organization, or a federal agency, and to develop lasting connections with a cohort of Native American students from across the country.

Students may apply online at www.naplp.gwu.edu. Applications are due November 1, 2017. Please contact the NAPLP office at 202-994-3284 or at naplp@gwu.edu with any questions you may have.

The Department of Homeland Security Notice of Funding Opportunity: FY2017 Pre-Disaster Mitigation

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program makes available Federal funds to State, Local and Tribal Governments to implement and sustain cost-effective measures designed to reduce the risk to individuals and property from natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on Federal funding from future disasters. The PDM program strengthens national preparedness and resilience and supports the mitigation mission area in the National Preparedness System and National Preparedness Goal.

Key Dates and Times

Date Posted to Grants.gov: 07/10/2017

Application Start Date: 08/14/2017

Application Submission Deadline: 11/14/2017 at 03:00:00 PM [Eastern Time]

Anticipated Funding Selection Date: 01/30/2018

Anticipated Award Date: 12/30/2018

For more information, visit [this FEMA webpage](#).

FY 2017 Economic Development Assistance Programs, Department of Commerce

Full details [here](#)

There are no submission deadlines under this opportunity.

Funding range: \$100,000 to \$3,000,000

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) solicits applications from applicants in rural and urban areas to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs. Grants and cooperative agreements made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities. EDA provides strategic investments on a competitive-merit-basis to support economic development, foster job creation, and attract private investment in economically distressed areas of the United States. There are no submission deadlines under this opportunity. Proposals and applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until the publication of a new Economic Development Assistance Program Federal Funding Opportunity announcement.

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

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Request for Nominations (RFN) for the 2017 Round of the Alternative Fuel Corridor Designation process has been issued by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

This RFN was issued directly to the FHWA Division Offices, which are located in each state, who in turn will forward it to their respective State departments of transportation (DOT) and metropolitan planning organizations to streamline the process.

The 2017 RFN includes infrastructure coverage criteria for each fuel type, information to be included in the nomination (narrative and technical), points of

contact, and direction on submittals. Some items of note and changes from the initial round of nominations:

1. The due date for ALL nominations is **COB November 30, 2017**.
2. Instructions on how/where to submit your designation proposal are contained in the RFN.
3. The RFN requires more corridor/station specific information to be included in the nomination proposal, such as station addresses, first and last fueling station on the corridor, distances between stations, connector type for EVSE, and corridor map.
4. Provides ability to nominate new corridors or add fuel types to existing corridors from the initial round
5. Focus is on Interstate highways but allows for a compelling case to be made for other roads/routes
6. Requires a description of the plan for signage on the corridor
7. GIS shapefiles required
8. Only DCFC sites will be considered for EV Corridors this round (i.e. no Level 2 sites)

A webinar will be scheduled in the near future to provide information on the nomination to stakeholders and answer questions. In addition, a set of Frequently Asked Questions will be developed and will be posted on the AFC Web site in the next several weeks.

Additional information on the Alt Fuel Corridor Designation process can be found at:

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/alternative_fuel_corridors/nominations/index.cfm

Indoor Air Quality

The Minnesota Department of Health Lead and Healthy Homes Program (LHHP) is announcing the availability of healthy housing grants for the 2017-2020 grant period. The Healthy Housing Grants are intended to provide funding to perform activities related to housing-based health threats. The total amount of the grant funding for the entire grant period (December 1, 2017-June 30, 2020) is \$720,000. This will be distributed to grantees at amounts up to \$120,000 per grantee total for three years.

Applicants must complete the Healthy Housing Grant Application and submit it by email to Katie Haugen at katie.haugen@state.mn.us by 4:00 P.M. Central Standard Time, Friday, October 13, 2017. The Healthy Housing Grant

RFP, Healthy Housing Grant Application, and more information can be found at the [MDH Healthy Housing Grants webpage](#).

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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Agricultural Air Quality Conservation Measures – Reference Guide for Poultry and Livestock Production Systems - This reference guide is a technical tool providing a compilation of conservation practices for livestock and poultry operations. These practices have air quality benefits and have been approved by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) or demonstrated to be effective for other state or local programs. This reference guide responds to requests from a variety of stakeholders, including USDA's Agricultural Air Quality Task Force, agricultural producers, industry representatives and state and local agencies. The guide has been finalized and is available at: <https://www.epa.gov/afos-air/agricultural-air-quality-conservation-measures-reference-guide-poultry-and-livestock>.

Pulp and Paper (Kraft, Soda, Sulfite, and Stand-Alone Semichemical Pulp Mills) Final RTR determining that the emission standards set in the original NESHAP in 2001 provide an acceptable level of risk with an ample margin of safety to protect public health. This action makes some final adjustments to the rule:

- Reduces the opacity monitoring allowance from 6 percent to 2 percent for recovery furnaces and 6 percent to 3 percent for lime kilns.
- Adds electronic reporting requirements for semiannual compliance reports.
- Updates ongoing monitoring and testing requirements for emission monitoring systems.
- Requires periodic stack testing and electronic reporting of stack test results.
- Removes startup, shutdown, and malfunction (SSM) provisions.

A prepublication version of the notice and a summary fact sheet will be available soon: <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/kraft-soda-sulfite-and-stand-alone-semichemical-pulp-mills-mact-ii>.

Nutritional Yeast - Final RTR determining that the emission standards provide an acceptable level of risk with an ample margin of safety to protect public health. This action includes revisions that will reduce acetaldehyde emissions from facilities that manufacture nutritional yeast. A prepublication version of the notice and a summary fact sheet will be available soon at: <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/manufacturing-nutritional-yeast-national-emission-standards>.

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