



**National Tribal Air Association**

# **NTAA Weekly Update**

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## TOP STORIES

### **Notice of public hearing and extension of comment period for the proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan**

NTAA has released a fact sheet for Tribes today and will be releasing a full Policy Response Kit to help Tribes respond to EPA by January 16<sup>th</sup>. Find them on [NTAA's Policy Response webpage](#). For more information, see [EPA's News Release](#) and the Federal Register notice [released today here](#).

The Washington Post – [‘Mr. Pruitt is welcome to officially fire me’ – as EPA carries out controversial policy, one scientist balks](#)

Earther – [Tribes Across the Midwest are Gearing up for a Big New Pipeline Battle](#)

USA Today - [Global carbon dioxide emissions reach record high](#)

## HEADLINES

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

EPA – [Nor Cal Fire Response: Fraudsters Impersonating EPA, Calling Citizens](#)

Santa Fe New Mexican – [Thousands comment on proposed methane rule suspension](#)

AP – [Groups appeal dismissal of Southwest coal plant lawsuit](#)

E&E News – [Federal Agencies: Law could trigger ‘biblical changing of the guard’](#)

E&E News – [Air Pollution: Judges scoff as EPA requests more time for rule due in 2000](#)

Phys.org - [Air quality and health in US will improve from other nations' actions to slow climate change](#)

Washington Post – [EPA is taking more advice from industry – and ignoring its own scientists](#)

Washington Post – [Fossil fuel emissions will reach an all-time high in 2017, scientist say – dashing hopes of progress](#)

E&E News – [ANWR: Drilling opponents gird for battle](#)

Earther – [Scientists Slam Republican Plan to Drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge](#)

NPR – [As China Moves To Other Energy Sources, Its Coal Region Struggles To Adapt](#)

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

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

The New Yorker – [Can Carbon-Dioxide Removal Save the World?](#)

Oxford Academic - [World Scientists' Warning to Humanity: A Second Notice](#)

NPR – [Pittsburgh's Microgrids Technology Could Lead the Way for Green Energy](#)

NY Times – [Trump Ignores Climate Change. That's Very Bad for Disaster Planners.](#)

E& News – [Senate bill protects renewable credits, fossil fuel breaks](#)

E&E News – [With Murphy win, N.J. signals left turn on energy](#)

Washington Examiner – [Virginia moving forward with cap-and-trade plan soon after Democratic win](#)

E&E News – [Colorado: Coal mine complicates governor's climate plans](#)

E&E News – [Is that a wasp? Villagers see animals for the first time](#)

NPR – [Certain And Confident: Predicting The Future In A Climate-Changing World](#)

PBS Newshour – [Schwarzenegger calls on climate activists to change methods](#)

### ***COP 23***

Scientific American – [U.S. Cities and States Try to Keep Washington’s Climate Promises](#)

E&E News – [Fossil fuel pitch by White House gets grimaces](#)

New York Times – [A Shadow Delegation Stalks the Official U.S. Team at Climate Talks](#)

PBS Newshour – [U.S. cities, states pledge support for climate accord](#)

Reuters – [Agriculture can curb planet warming emissions ‘immediately’: U.N.](#)

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

Reuters – [EU plans credits, fines to boost low-emission car production](#)

Indianz – [Cronkite News: San Carlos Apache Tribe struggles to deal with mountains of trash](#)

BBC – [Trump emissions threat to US car industry](#)

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

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

Climate Liability News – [Alaska Kids’ Climate Lawsuit Joins Trend of Suing in State Courts](#)



*Kids in Alaska are growing up with the impacts of global warming, including some coastal communities being forced to move inland. Photo credit: Andrew Burton/Getty Images*

AP – [Frustration sets in after coal mine health study suspended](#)



*In this Sept. 26, 2017 photo, coal trucks and heavy equipment look like children's toys on the Middle Ridge surface coal mine, which cut off part of Coal River Mountain in Raleigh County, in southern West Virginia. Some studies have linked the mines and their dust and particulates to high rates of respiratory illnesses and cancers. (AP Photo/Michael Virtanen)*

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## **UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS**

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

#### **Partners for Environmental Public Health Webinar: Wildfires & Human Health**

Date: November 17, 2017 • 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. EST

Registration (required):

<https://nih.webex.com/nih/onstage/g.php?MTID=eb8fd74d8a739cc987852ba491538b8d1>

### Description

This webinar will highlight the impacts of wildfires on the health of vulnerable individuals and on those communities exposed periodically to such events. In addition to children and aging populations, wildfires pose particular risk to those with respiratory and allergic conditions, those with chronic diseases, those reliant on medical devices, and those with a lower socioeconomic status who may not have the means or ability to evacuate from threatened areas. The presentations will cover how the environmental exposures associated with wildfires affect human health and will discuss approaches being used to develop targeted risk communication about wildfires for a variety of audiences.

### Presentations

Developing a Health Platform for Wildfire Disaster Response Research: Rima Habre, Sc.D., Remy Landon, University of Southern California

Multidisciplinary Response to Study the Potential Effects of an Extreme Wildfire Smoke Exposure Event in a Rural Community: Christopher Migliaccio, Ph.D., Pharm.D., University of Montana

### **Save the Date and Help Out!**

**The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) are beginning to plan the 2018 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTF) which will be held May 14-18, 2018.** We are recruiting tribal, EPA and other staff who are interested in helping to shape the agenda and make it as informative and interactive as possible. For your reference, attached is a copy of last year's NTF Agenda.

To do this, we are forming workgroups around the various sessions that are planned and are seeking volunteers to help contribute to the workgroups. If you are interested, please submit your name on the form linked below and we will include you in the workgroup(s) of your choice. You may also invite others from tribes, EPA, state/local governments, etc. You can [volunteer for NTF planning workgroups here](#).

**NTAA Upcoming Calls.** The toll-free number is 1-800-309-2350. If you do not need to call toll free, or would like to help conserve NTAA funding, you can call 1-805-309-2350. Both numbers use code 928-523-0526#.

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

**\*New registration instructions\*** When you register for the GoToWebinar, please remember to include your Tribe, Region, or Organization in parenthesis after your last name. This will allow us to not do a roll-call, ultimately saving everyone's time.

<b>Indoor Air Quality Work Group:</b> Help implement the IAQ work group priorities	Thursday, November 16, 2pm ET
<b>EPA Policy Update Call:</b> Receive updates from EPA	Thursday, November 30, 2pm ET
<b>Volkswagen Settlement Work Group:</b> Continue to help in the next steps of this settlement	Thursday, December 14, 2pm ET

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

### **Save the Dates: Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke**

This webinar series will provide attendees with an understanding of the impacts of wildland smoke on the health of tribal communities and strategies to minimize exposure. Each 90-minute webinar will feature multiple presentations on the topics listed below. The webinars are free and open to anyone; registration for the webinars will be available in late November. The webinars will be recorded.

❖ Webinar 1 – January 18, 2018, 2:00 pm EASTERN STANDARD TIME

We will explore the components of wildland smoke, how much is produced under different circumstances, and how the components of smoke affect our health.

❖ Webinar 2 – February 1, 2018, 2:00 pm EASTERN STANDARD TIME

This webinar will look at modeling of smoke movement, the role of air resources advisors (ARAs), and the use of portable monitors or sensors to collect data.

❖ Webinar 3 – February 15, 2018, 2:00 pm EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Gathering and disseminating information to our communities before, during, and after a smoke event is critical to ensuring the health and safety of our communities. This webinar will provide tips and strategies for finding information, using social media, and developing outreach products.

❖ Webinar 4 – March 1, 2018, 2:00 pm EASTERN STANDARD TIME

In this webinar, Tribal presenters will describe how smoke events impacted their communities, how utilizing monitoring data during a wildfire can help identify health risks, and how tribes can better prepare for wildfire seasons.

❖ Webinar 5 – March 15, 2018, 2:00 pm EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME

With smoke events increasingly common, the final webinar will provide information on preparing homes for smoke intrusion, using air scrubbers, creating community cleaner-air shelters, and protecting the health of pets and livestock.

Tribal staff have an opportunity to participate in a hands-on workshop designed to reinforce the concepts presented in the webinar series. Workshop participants will learn and practice additional skills that will aid in preparation for wildland smoke events. All webinars must be completed prior to the in-person workshop (scheduled for Boise, Idaho, March 27-28, 2018). The in-person workshop application will be available in mid-December on the ITEP website: [http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training\\_air](http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air).

If you would like additional information please contact Pat Ellsworth, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, at [patricia.ellsworth@nau.edu](mailto:patricia.ellsworth@nau.edu) or 928-523-672.

**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**

<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>2017</b>		
Fundamentals of Air Monitoring	December 4-6	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
<b>2018</b>		
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)

Note: This schedule is subject to change. [Click here](#) for up-to-date information, course descriptions, and applications. If you have questions regarding the pre-requisites or your eligibility for this course, please contact Patricia Ellsworth, Air Quality Curriculum Coordinator, at [Patricia.Ellsworth@nau.edu](mailto:Patricia.Ellsworth@nau.edu) or phone 928-523-6721. For more information, please visit [ITEP's website](#).

### **EPA Tools and Resources Webinar: Monitoring Cyanobacteria with Satellites November 15, 2017, 3:00-4:00 PM ET**

After 40 years of using satellites to measure changes in the ocean, this technology is now coming of age to be used for water quality monitoring in lakes and reservoirs. Trade-offs between existing operational satellite platforms will be briefly reviewed along with the primary water quality indicators that can be derived to protect public health and the environment. EPA scientist Blake Schaeffer will highlight how federal agencies (EPA, NASA, NOAA and USGS) are collaborating to use real-world satellite applications that support environmental management of US lakes by quantifying cyanobacterial harmful algal blooms (CyanoHABs) and related water quality parameters. This webinar will also discuss how provisional satellite derived cyanobacteria data and three different software tools are available to state environmental and health agencies for review and testing as part of the Cyanobacteria Assessment Network (CyAN).

To join the webinar, please [register here](#). If you are unable to listen through your computer speakers, please dial: 1-866-299-3188, access code: 202-564-6669. Please note telephone lines are limited and muted during the webinar. Please

contact Lisa Matthews ([matthews.lisa@epa.gov](mailto:matthews.lisa@epa.gov)) for more information or Amy Scheuer ([scheuer.amy@epa.gov](mailto:scheuer.amy@epa.gov)) with registration questions.

Additional information and webinar recordings can be [found here](#).

**On November 17, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. EST, PEPH will be hosting a webinar focused on [wildfires and human health](#).** Please register and join us as presenters discuss how the environmental exposures associated with wildfires affect human health and the approaches being used to develop targeted risk communication about wildfires.

### **Data Analysis and Reporting Tool (DART) Webinar**

December 19, 2017; 10:00 AM PT, 11:00 MT, 12:00 CT and 1:00 ET

Sponsored by: Western Regional Air Partnership Tribal Data Workgroup

To attend [follow this link](#).

For Audio - 800-768-2983 access code 5859608

Attend the webinar to learn about the capabilities for data management, analysis and reporting of the tool. DART is a web-based application designed for acquiring, analyzing and screening all types of air quality data.

DART can be accessed through the password-protected [AirNow-Tech website](#). In the “About” box click on Register for AirNow Tech Account, then provide the information requested. Your request will then be reviewed and permission given by email. Once the data has been entered (manually or from AQS Data Mart) you can create graphs, screen for data validation and preform and if new data format then export to AQS.

The webinar will provide information on signing up for AirNow-Tech, general workflow of data through DART, how to enter data, create graphs, Screen for unreliable data,

The Western Regional Air Partnership (WRAP) is a voluntary partnership of states, tribes, federal land managers, local air agencies and the US EPA whose purpose is to understand current and evolving regional air quality issues in the West such as Regional Haze Rule; pollutants; emissions sources; air pollution transport; and effects of climate change on regional air quality.

The Tribal Data Workgroup (TDWG) works as part of the Technical Steering Committee to identify issues and concerns; gather information and data; provide training opportunities, participate in the regional haze planning effort and coordinate with other workgroups.

To become a Tribal WRAP member or to be part of the TDWG contact Tom Moore, [tmoore@westar.org](mailto:tmoore@westar.org)

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

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

**The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would like to invite your environmental organization to send your hazardous waste site project managers to the National Association of Remedial Project Managers (NARPM) Training Program, December 4 – 8, 2017 in Denver, Colorado.**

The training program provides Superfund Remedial Project Managers (RPM) classroom training on innovative approaches to cleaning up hazardous waste sites, improve community and stakeholder outreach, enhance project management skills, and lessons learned through sharing case studies. Additionally, the training program provides an excellent opportunity for EPA, tribal and state partners RPMs to coordinate and network.

This year's training program focuses on:

- Community Engagement and Environmental Justice
- Investigation, Design, Remediation and Post Construction
- Technology and Contaminant-Specific Topics
- Project Management
- Optimal Cleanups

There are no registration or tuition fees to attend the training program. **Each entity is responsible for travel and per diem for their employees.** The training program is only intended for employees of federal, tribal, state, and local government agencies; contractors are not permitted to participate in the training program. Information about logistics, travel and lodging, registration and course descriptions is available online at [www.trainex.org/narpm2017](http://www.trainex.org/narpm2017).

As needed, please coordinate with Anne Dailey, EPA Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation (OSRTI) Superfund Tribal Coordinator, at [dailey.anne@epa.gov](mailto:dailey.anne@epa.gov), Gary Turner, EPA OSRTI at [turner.gary@epa.gov](mailto:turner.gary@epa.gov) or Leslie Leahy, EPA OSRTI, at [leahy.leslie@epa.gov](mailto:leahy.leslie@epa.gov) who can assist you with any questions or provide additional information about NARPM.

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## **RESOURCES**

## ***Now Hiring!***

### **Deputy Administrator, Southwest Office of Native American Programs in Albuquerque, NM**

Application deadline: November 28, 2017

This position is located in the Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH), Office of Native American Programs (ONAP). ONAP's mission is to increase the supply of safe, decent, and affordable housing available to Native American families; strengthen communities by improving living conditions and creating economic opportunities for tribes and Indian housing residents; and ensure fiscal integrity in the operation of the programs it administers.

External Candidate Announcement:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/484078000>

Internal Candidate Announcement:

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/484079400>

**The Bears Ears Commission is hiring for the following positions, all of which have Native preference (click links for descriptions):**

- [Executive Director](#)
- [Project Manager](#)
- [Administrative Associate](#)

Interviews began late October.

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

### **EPA Tools and Resources Webinar Series**

Usually held the third Wednesday of every month from 3:00-4:00 PM ET

Who should attend? Representatives of state environment and health agencies, tribes, local governments, communities, and others interested in learning about EPA tools and resources available to help inform decision-making.

[Access past webinars and learn more here.](#)

### **“Particle Pollution and Your Patients’ Health” Course**

This EPA course is designed for family medicine physicians, internists, pediatricians, occupational and rehabilitation physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, asthma educators, pulmonary specialists, cardiologists, and other medical professionals. Upon completing this course, you will be able to:

- Explain what size particles are the greatest health concern and where and when they are a problem.

- Identify how particle pollution exposure affects the cardiovascular and respiratory systems.
- Identify how particle pollution exposure can affect the general population.
- Identify how particle pollution exposure affects patients with cardiovascular or respiratory disease.
- Explain the purpose and use of the Air Quality Index for advising patients how to protect their health.
- Discuss methods to reduce exposure during high particle pollution events.
- Address typical patient questions and clinical scenarios relating to particle pollution exposure.

[Access the course here!](#)

### **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***

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***

**Cooperative Agreement titled "Tribal Support for E-Enterprise for the Environment" has been posted.**

Closing date: November 24, 2017

Interested parties can find it by going to Grants.gov and searching by Agency or opportunity number (EPA-OCFO-OEE-17-01). It is also posted on EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/grants/tribal-support-e-enterprise-environment> and <https://www.epa.gov/e-enterprise> (Under the menu for partners/grant opportunities).

Details on the background, the opportunity, and points of contact are detailed in the announcement.

E-Enterprise for the Environment (E-Enterprise) is a joint initiative of States, Territories, Tribes and US EPA that accelerates the collaborative development, implementation, and improvement of environmental and public health protection programs. E-Enterprise uses innovative strategies, process streamlining, and technological solutions to deliver better outcomes for human health and the environment, often with lower costs and less burden, for the benefit of the public, the regulated community and government agencies. Additional information is available at <https://e-enterprisefortheenvironment.net>.

### **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.

### **Bureau of Reclamation Provides Technical Assistance Funding Opportunity to Tribes**

The Bureau of Reclamation has issued a funding opportunity for technical assistance to Indian tribes and tribal organizations through the Native American Affairs Technical Assistance to Tribes Program. This program is intended to establish cooperative working relationships, through partnerships with Indian tribes and tribal organizations, to ensure that tribes have the opportunity to participate fully in Reclamation's Program as they develop, manage, and protect their water and related resources.

This funding opportunity is available on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) by searching for funding opportunity BOR-DO-18-F001. The deadline for submission of proposals is January 17, 2018.

Eligible proposals that are not awarded during the current fiscal year due to a lack of time or available funding may be retained by Reclamation for consideration in the next fiscal year if the applicant agrees. Reclamation will contact applicants should this circumstance arise to discuss available options.

For additional information, please visit <https://www.usbr.gov/native/> or contact Kelly Titensor at [ktitensor@usbr.gov](mailto:ktitensor@usbr.gov).

### **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***

**2017 Tribal Request for Proposals (RFP) Diesel Emissions Reduction Program (DERA) now open!**

We are excited to announce a funding opportunity for tribal governments and Alaska native villages. EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting proposals nationwide for tribal 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. EPA anticipates awarding \$1.5 million in DERA grant funding under this announcement.

#### Important dates

Thursday, October 5, 2017	RFP Opens
Thursday, November 9, 2-3:30 pm (ET)	<a href="#">Webinar #2</a> Dial-In - 866-299-3188; Passcode 3439147#
Thursday, January 18, 2018; 11:59 pm (ET)	RFP Closes – Proposals Due
Spring 2018	Anticipated Notification of Selection
Spring/Summer 2018	Anticipated Award

#### Eligible Entities

Eligible entities include tribal governments (or intertribal consortia) and Alaska native villages which have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality.

#### Eligible Vehicles and Technologies

Eligible diesel vehicles, engines and equipment may include buses, Class 5 – Class 8 heavy-duty highway vehicles, marine engines, locomotives and nonroad engines, equipment or vehicles used in construction, handling of cargo (including at a port or airport), agriculture, mining or energy production (including stationary generators and pumps).

Eligible diesel emission reduction solutions include EPA or California Air Resources Board verified emission control technologies such as exhaust controls, cleaner fuels, and engine upgrades, idle reduction technologies, aerodynamic technologies and low rolling resistance tires, certified engine repowers, clean alternative fuel conversion kits, and/or certified vehicle or equipment replacement.

#### Additional Resources

For detailed information on eligibility and application requirements, please review the 2017 Tribal Request for Proposals (RFP) on the following webpage:

[www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-tribal-grants](http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-tribal-grants).

For questions, please contact:

Lucita Valiere DERA Tribal Lead EPA Region 10 Phone: 206-553-8087 Email: [valiere.lucita@epa.gov](mailto:valiere.lucita@epa.gov)

## **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](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/alternative_fuel_corridors/nominations/index.cfm)

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

*EPA Rules posted today from the Federal Register for Wednesday, November 15, 2017.* (Past copies can be accessed [here](#)).

### **Notice**

Proposed Administrative Settlement Agreement: Clean Water Act FR Document: [2017-24722](#) Citation: 82 FR 52899 [PDF](#) Pages 52899-52901 (3 pages) [Permalink](#)

Proposed Settlement Agreements: Clean Air Act Title V Permit Appeal FR Document: [2017-24723](#) Citation: 82 FR 52901 [PDF](#) Pages 52901-52902 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

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