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## PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

Indian Country Today – [Washington governor withdraws support of LNG plant, sides with Puyallup Tribe](#)



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## TOP STORIES

If you missed the **2019 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality** at Pechanga or want to revisit fond memories, you can check out this amazing [video here!](#) Thanks to ITEP videographer Amanda Kapp for putting this video yearbook together!

**NTAA's Indoor Air Quality Work Group Presents an Informational Webinar: Policy Tools to Address Vaping and E-Cigarettes in Tribal Communities on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 2:00 pm ET**

This webinar will explore vaping and e-cigarettes and how Tribes can create and utilize policy tools to reduce IAQ threats from this emerging trend in tobacco use. The 1 ½ hour-long webinar will include speakers from the California Department of Public Health's Tobacco Control Program (CDPH). You can [register here](#).

US House Committee on Appropriations - [Appropriations Committee Releases Fiscal Year 2020 Interior-Environment Funding Bill](#) *The bill provides a total of \$9.52 billion in for EPA – \$672 million above the 2019 enacted level and \$3.42 billion above the President's budget request.*

NY Times – [E.P.A. Could Get Thousands of Deaths off the Books by Changing Its Math](#)

The Guardian – [Revealed: air pollution may be damaging 'every organ in the body'](#)

EPA – [EPA Approves Pueblo of Santa Ana's Treatment as a State Application](#)

E&E News – [EPA mercury proposal faces harsh reception at House hearing](#)

K&L Gates – [Washington Attorney General Announces New Consent Policy for Tribes](#)

## **HEADLINES**

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

The Hill – [Indigenous-led movement to stop fossil fuels](#)

Popular Science - [Small improvements to California's air quality made a big difference in asthma rates](#)

EPA – [EPA Seeks Public Input on Draft Study of Oil and Gas Extraction Wastewater Management](#)

AP – [Tribes, environmentalists battle copper mine in Arizona](#)

AP – [Trump's EPA shifts more environmental enforcement to states](#)

Arizona Daily Star – [As temperatures rise in Tucson, so do concerns over health risks linked to higher ozone levels](#)

AP – [Conservationists sue over oil shale plan in eastern Utah](#)

E&E News – [Appropriations: 4 fights to watch as energy, environment bills get votes](#)

Indian Country Today - [Treaty rights win in Supreme Court](#)

WBUR News - [U.S. House Passes Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Land Bill](#)

Cronkite News – [Dust, particle pollution disproportionately affect Latino and poor communities](#)

Science Magazine - [EPA plan to end funding for children’s health research leaves scientists scrambling](#)

UN Environment Program - [Air pollution's effect on bees](#)

Indianz – [Native Sun News Today: Keystone XL Pipeline wants water from Lakota territory](#)

Phys.org – [Air pollution affects tree growth in Sao Paulo](#)

NPR – [When LA’s Air Got Better, Kids’ Asthma Cases Dropped](#)

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

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

Native News Online – [Tribal Leaders Gather in Spokane to Celebrate Children of the Sun Solar Initiative](#)

ABC News – [Many online climate change lessons are actually junk](#)

E&E News – [Hearing to review impact of climate change on farming](#)

NY Times – [‘Earthworm Dilemma’ Has Climate Scientists Racing to Keep Up](#)

E&E News – [Feds call novel climate lawsuit ‘fatally flawed’](#)

E&E News – [Millions of abandoned wells spark climate, safety fears](#)

Yes! – [Reminder: Climate Change Was No Accident](#)

Utility Dive – [DOE looking to save ailing Colstrip plant, fossil fuel chief tells Senate](#)

Utility Dive – [PG&E, Dominion, 11 other major companies push carbon tax in new climate initiative](#)

Environmental News Network – [New Studies Highlight Challenge of Meeting Paris Agreement Climate Goals](#)

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

Washington Post - [States aren't waiting for the Trump administration on environmental protections](#)

Electrek - [Chevron starts deploying EV charging stations at its gas stations](#)

Carbon Brief – [Factcheck: How electric vehicles help to tackle climate change](#)

The Times – [Traffic pollution can make children more anxious, study finds](#)

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

Down to Earth – [Particulate matter from cigarettes, mosquito coils makes indoor air toxic](#)

The Guardian - [Cooking 'may turn homes into toxic boxes of air pollution'](#)

Science News for Students – [Studies show how homes can pollute indoor air](#)

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## UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES

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

#### **Estimating the Mortality Burden of Fine Particulate Matter Exposure Attributable to Indoor and Outdoor Microenvironments**

Hosted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Date and Time: Thursday, June 13, 2019, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. EDT

Exposure to fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) is associated with increased mortality. Epidemiology studies typically use outdoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations to estimate exposure, but the majority of PM<sub>2.5</sub> exposure in the United States occurs indoors and in other microenvironments. In this webinar, we will present a framework for estimating the total U.S. mortality burden attributable to indoor and outdoor PM<sub>2.5</sub> exposure in the primary microenvironments in which people spend most of their time. Register for [\*Estimating the Mortality Burden of Fine Particulate Matter Exposure Attributable to Indoor and Outdoor Microenvironments\*](#).

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

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

#### **Registration is open for the 2019 Tribal Lands & Environment Forum!**

August 19-22, 2019 in Palm Springs, California

You can visit [http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr\\_tlef](http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_tlef) where you'll be able to register, submit session proposals, and find out information about travel and lodging options. This year we'll be in beautiful Palm Springs, California. Sure, it's August in the desert, but given the hard winter many of you have dealt with this year, we figured this might help you thaw out! We have some really exciting new options for you this year. Over the last few months, we've been working with the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, as well as several other Tribes in the Palm Springs area, on some special field trips and cultural events that you won't want to miss. Also, for the first time, we're putting together a noon-time event on Wednesday that will feature a special guest. More details on those activities will be coming soon. We're all very much looking forward to seeing you at this year's TLEF! [More information 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!

**\*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.

<b>Wood Smoke Work Group:</b> A 3-part webinar series will replace the regular work group calls for the next few months. See below under "Indoor Air Quality" for more information.	Wednesday, June 5, 3pm ET
<b>Indoor Air Quality Work Group:</b> Join this work group to help support IAQ work throughout Indian Country	Thursday, June 20, 2pm ET
<b>NTAA/EPA Air Policy Update Call:</b> Receive air quality policy updates from EPA and NTAA	Thursday, May 23, 2pm ET
<b>Mobile Sources Work Group:</b> Formerly the VW Work Group, this Work Group will address all mobile source pollution issues.	Thursday, June 6, 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 [2019 AIAQTP Course Schedule](#)

Course Title	Dates	Location	Course Level
Introduction to Tribal Air Quality	June 4-7	Flagstaff, AZ	1
Air Pollution and Ecosystems	July 23-26	Flagstaff, AZ	2
R and Environmental Data Analysis	August 6-8	Temecula, CA	3
Treatment as a State (TAS)	September 10-11	TBD	2

Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Communities (lower 48)	TBD	TBD	1
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke	Anytime	6 recorded webinars	NA
Indoor Air Quality – Independent Study	Anytime	Independent Study	1
Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Warm Climates	In development	Online	1
Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Cold Climates	Open	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](mailto:Patricia.Ellsworth@nau.edu) or phone 928-523-6721. For more information, please visit [ITEP's website](#).

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

### **Tribal Resilience across the Country: From Guidebook to Action**

**Wednesday, May 22 from 1:00-2:30 PM ET**

How can tribal communities integrate unique issues and traditional knowledges into climate adaptation?

Join us on May 22 at 1 PM (ET) for a 90-minute webinar that will:

1. Introduce the [Tribal Climate Adaptation Guidebook](#) produced by the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute and Adaptation International, and
2. Highlight the experiences of three practitioners advancing climate adaptation and resilience within their tribes.

[Register](#)

### **Climate Change Adaptation Planning: In-Person Workshop**

*When:* June 4-6, 2019



*Where:* Las Cruces, New Mexico

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals is excited to be collaborating with the [USDA Southwest Climate Hub](#) on an *Introduction to Climate Change Adaptation Planning course*. This course provides an overview to planning for climate change impacts, highlighting the work of tribes that have completed an adaptation plan or vulnerability assessment. The course is intended for tribal environmental and natural resource professionals who expect to be involved in climate change adaptation and resilience planning. Since the course will focus on climate change impacts and planning in a specific region, we especially encourage people from that region to attend.

Topics will include but not limited to:

- Climate change in the Southwestern region
- Process of developing climate change adaptation plans
- Climate change impacts, vulnerabilities, and adaptation strategies
- Tools and resources for the planning process including ITEP's adaptation toolkit

This course employs a variety of instructional methods such as presentations including tribal case studies, regional science, TEK and large- and small-group discussions, activities and a ½-day field trip. Participants will complete a pre-course assignment prior to attending (*will be sent after confirmed registration*). There are no pre-requisites. However, we expect participants to have a basic understanding of climate change and its impacts on respective tribal resources. ITEP can recommend background material to review upon request.

To register, [click on this link](#).

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

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

## **Toxics/Mobile Sources**

### **Indoor Air Quality**

#### **CIAQ Webinar**

The Federal Interagency Committee on Indoor Air Quality (CIAQ) will hold its next public webinar on Wednesday, June 5, 2019, beginning at 1:00 p.m. EDT. At the meeting, CIAQ member agencies will provide updates on indoor environmental quality-related activities at their agencies, with the goal of enhancing opportunities for collaboration and coordination. Following agency updates, presentation(s) on a topic of current interest to the IAQ community will be delivered. The proposed topic for this meeting involves using novel approaches for exploring indoor

environmental exposures, including some asthma triggers in homes. The agenda for the June meeting, including the specific topic and presenter, will be announced on the [CIAQ website](#) shortly. To register for the webinar, please [visit this link](#). For audio, participants should call toll-free (855) 883-8661 and provide the operator with the conference ID 6983957 when prompted.

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**Be sure to subscribe to [CodeTalk](#), HUD's Office of Native American Programs newsletter, for webinars and opportunities!**

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## **RESOURCES**

### ***Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes*** **May is Asthma Awareness Month!**

EPA supports local programs working to help people in their communities bring asthma under control. The first step is raising awareness throughout communities that asthma is a serious, sometimes life-threatening chronic disease that can be controlled. Though May is Asthma Awareness Month, don't wait to take action - you can make every month Asthma Awareness Month. Learn more about [EPA's resources here](#).

**To view and/or receive ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program newsletter, [Native Voices, click here!](#)**

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

#### **On-Request Technical Assistance from DOE Office of Indian Energy**

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](#).

### **NREL Decision Support for Tribes**

NREL's State, Local, and Tribal program partners with Native American tribes and Alaska Native villages, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), and other federal agencies, nonprofits, and intertribal organizations to provide resources and direct assistance that support energy technology delivery and connect motivated tribal governments with NREL's world-class science and analytics.

#### Energy Decision Support

To connect tribes with credible, timely, and actionable scientific information on which to base their energy decisions, NREL provides the following tailored programs:

- Technology and market analytics
- Direct technical assistance
- Capacity building
- Resilience assessment and planning

For more information, visit the [technical assistance description](#).

### **New Tool Finder for Local Government Clean Energy Initiatives**

Looking for just the right tools and resources to help measure the emissions, energy, and economic impacts of your local government's current and prospective environmental programs and policies? A little overwhelmed by the number of tools and resources that are out there? Limited to using free, publicly-available resources?

Our new [\*\*\*Tool Finder for Local Government Clean Energy Initiatives\*\*\*](#) will help you navigate the many freely-available tools and resources for measuring emissions, energy, and economic impacts of energy efficiency, renewable energy, transportation, and waste programs at both the government operations and community-wide scales.

Based on your inputs, the Tool Finder provides a tailored list of tools and resources that may be appropriate for achieving your goals. The Tool Finder offers key details on each tool and resource so you can quickly decide if it's relevant to

your needs. Users may review and print summaries on each tool or resource, including information about level of detail, impact types covered, sectors covered, ease of use, and intended audience.

[Find your tool!](#)

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***

#### **DOE Clean Cities Coalition Network Technical Assistance**

*Eligible Entities: Clean Cities Coalitions*

Clean Cities connects transportation stakeholders with objective information and experts to assist with alternative fuels, fuel economy improvements, and emerging transportation technologies. Through these trusted, time-tested resources, Clean Cities has helped fleets and fuel providers deploy hundreds of thousands of alternative fuel vehicles and fueling stations that serve a growing market. Clean Cities continues to support the entry of new transportation technologies into the marketplace. For more information, visit the [technical assistance description](#).

#### **Applications are now being accepted for the Tribal Waste and Response Steering Committee (TWAR SC), Deadline: May 31, 2019**

The TWAR SC is a Tribal Partnership Group composed of Tribal professionals working in the front lines on Superfund, solid waste, emergency response, UST, and brownfields programs. They provide two-way communication between US EPA's Office of Land and Emergency Management and Tribal professionals across the country. They also produce an annual Priorities Document, communicate Tribal concerns to federal agencies, assist with the development of the Tribal Lands and Environment Forum, serve as mentors to their colleagues at other Tribes, and collaborate with other Tribal Partnership Groups.

A selection team will be evaluating all the applications, and choosing up to five Tribal professionals to serve two year terms, starting on November 1, 2019. All applicants will be contacted later this summer to let them know if they have been selected. The deadline for applications is May 31, 2019. If you are interested in being considered, please request an application from Todd Barnell at [todd.barnell@nau.edu](mailto:todd.barnell@nau.edu), and submit it along with your resume and up to three letters of recommendation. You may also contact Todd with any questions you have.

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

### **Free Downloadable Asthma Awareness Posters**

Promoting good indoor air quality helps children and elders manage breathing conditions. The posters linked below help identify problems with air quality that trigger asthma attacks. Courtesy of the Tulalip Tribe, Downloadable for free in two versions, one is on the [Tribal Healthy Housing Network](#) webpage, the other is on [US EPA's webpage](#).

### **Spanish-Language Resources for Asthma Awareness Month**

May is [Asthma Awareness Month](#). EPA has information in Spanish about asthma and indoor air quality at [espanol.epa.gov/cai/recursos-para-la-calidad-del-aire-interio](http://espanol.epa.gov/cai/recursos-para-la-calidad-del-aire-interio). The site has information on many indoor air pollutants, including environmental [asthma triggers](#), [mold](#) and [carbon monoxide](#). If you're working with a Spanish-speaking community to reduce exposure to environmental asthma triggers, this new [checklist](#) is useful. There also is guidance for cleaning up after a flood and improving air quality in [schools](#). For outreach and educational activities, many Spanish-language publications are available online at [espanol.epa.gov/cai/publicaciones-sobre-calidad-del-aire-interior](http://espanol.epa.gov/cai/publicaciones-sobre-calidad-del-aire-interior). Additionally, the [National Service Center for Environmental Publications \(NSCEP\)](#) has quantities of free Spanish-language indoor air quality publications.

### **HUD's Smoke Free Public Housing Policy Resources**

For information and support on HUD's Smoke Free Public Housing, [visit their website here](#).

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

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## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

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

#### **National Indian Health Board Changemaker Grants**

Community Changemaker Grants are small amounts of money (\$250) that can help supercharge a youth-led health event. They are open to American Indian and Alaska Native youth ages 14-24 years old. [Learn more here!](#)

#### **Notice of Funding Availability- Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Grant Program**

On May 7, 2019, HUD published the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG)-Competitive Grants Program.

This NOFA announces the availability of \$198 million for competitive grants to Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities eligible to receive IHBG funding under the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended (25 U.S.C. 4101 et seq.).

Locate and read the Dear Tribal Leader letter [here](#), and [apply here](#).

### **EPA OLEM FY20 Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants – \$4 million**

*Applications Due: June 10, 2019*

*Eligible Entities: general purpose units of local government, land clearance authorities, government entities created by State Legislature, regional councils,*

This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals from eligible entities, including nonprofit organizations, to deliver Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training programs that recruit, train, and place local, unemployed and under-employed residents with the skills needed to secure full-time employment in the environmental field. For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

### **DOI BIA Tribal Resilience Grants and Ocean and Coastal Management and Planning Grants- Federally Recognized Tribes**

*Applications Due: June 10, 2019*

*Eligible Entities: Native American tribal governments*

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) announces funding for awards to support tribal resilience and ocean and coastal management and planning. Awards will be made to projects that address vulnerability to extreme events and harmful environmental trends through development of regionally focused or topically focused training, adaptation planning and data development, and travel to access training and attend technical workshops to build skills and capacity. Applications should describe how proposed projects will incorporate science (including Traditional Knowledge) and technical information to address vulnerability to extreme events and harmful environmental trends. Awards will also support projects that ensure tribal participation in ocean and coastal (including the Great Lakes) cooperative planning and projects for resource health, resiliency, community safety, and economic security for present and future generations. For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

## **DOI BIA Tribal Resilience Grants and Ocean and Coastal Management and Planning Grants- Tribal Organizations**

*Applications Due: June 10, 2019*

*Eligible Entities: not-for-profit, non-governmental tribal organizations and associations, and tribally-controlled colleges and universities*

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) announces funding for awards to support tribal resilience and ocean and coastal management and planning. Awards will be made to projects that address vulnerability to extreme events and harmful environmental trends through development of regionally focused or topically focused training, adaptation planning and data development, and travel to access training and attend technical workshops to build skills and capacity. Applications should describe how proposed projects will incorporate science (including Traditional Knowledge) and technical information to address vulnerability to extreme events and harmful environmental trends. Awards will also support projects that ensure tribal participation in ocean and coastal (including the Great Lakes) cooperative planning and projects for resource health, resiliency, community safety, and economic security for present and future generations. For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

## **USDA AMS Farmers Market Promotion Program – \$11.5 million**

*Applications Due: June 18, 2019*

*Eligible Entities Include: Food councils, local governments, public benefit corporations, regional farmers market authorities, tribal governments*

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), requests applications for the fiscal year 2019 Farmers Market Promotion Program (FMPP). FMPP's purpose is to help support the development, coordination, and expansion of direct-producer-to consumer markets to help increase access and availability to locally and regionally produced agricultural products. AMS will competitively award grants to eligible applicants for projects that meet the purpose of this grant program. For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

## **USDA AMS Local Food Promotion Program – \$115 million**

*Applications Due: June 18, 2019*

*Eligible Entities Include: Food councils, local governments, public benefit corporations, regional farmers market authorities, tribal governments*

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), requests applications for the fiscal year 2019 Local Food Promotion Program (LFPP). LFPP's purpose is to help support the development, coordination,

and expansion of local and regional food business enterprises to help increase access and availability to locally and regionally produced agricultural products. AMS will competitively award grants to eligible applicants for projects that meet the purpose of the grant program. For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

### **DOI FWS Multistate Conservation Grant Program – \$6 million**

*Applications Due: July 26, 2019*

*Eligible Entities: state governments*

The primary goal of the Multistate Conservation Grant Program is to provide grant funds to address regional or national priority needs (National Conservation Needs or NCNs) of the State fish and wildlife agencies (States) and their partners that are beyond the scope and capabilities of a single State. Projects awarded funding are published annually in the Federal Register. Projects funded through the MSCGP provide grant funds to address regional or national level priority needs of the States that are beyond the scope and capabilities of a single State. For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

### **DOI FWS State Wildlife Grant Program – \$1 million**

*Applications Due: August 31, 2020*

*Eligible Entities: state governments*

The State Wildlife Grant (SWG) Program provides States, the District of Columbia, Commonwealths, and Territories (States) Federal grant funds for the development and implementation of programs for the benefit of wildlife and their habitats, including species that are not hunted or fished. Eligible activities include both conservation planning and implementation activities. For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

## **Climate Change/Energy**

### **Toxics/Mobile Sources**

#### **DOT PHMSA Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness - Tribal Grants – \$720,000**

*Applications Due: May 24, 2019*

*Eligible Entities: Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)*

The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), through the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), requests applications from federally recognized tribes to increase Tribal effectiveness in safely and efficiently handling hazardous materials incidents, enhance implementation of the Emergency Planning



and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986 (EPCRA), and encourage a comprehensive approach to emergency training and planning by incorporating the unique challenges of responses to transportation situations. For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

### **MPCA offers \$3.7 million in grant funding for diesel on-road trucks and transit buses**

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is offering \$3.7 million in grant funds to replace heavy duty diesel trucks and transit buses (class 4-8) in Minnesota. The grants are aimed at dramatically reducing nitrogen oxide (NOx) pollution.

#### How much funding is available?

Up to 25% or \$40,000 (whichever is less) per replacement

#### Who can apply?

Any diesel truck owner, private fleet owners, and nonprofit organizations

#### What is eligible?

- Class 4-8 diesel trucks and transit buses, including short-haul delivery trucks, refuse haulers, cement trucks, box trucks, and drayage trucks (No long-haul trucks or school buses)
- The old vehicle must be diesel (1992-2009)
- New replacement vehicles may be diesel or an alternative fuel such as propane, natural gas, hybrid, or electric (not gasoline)

#### How do I apply?

- All application materials and eligibility details are on the MPCA website: [Diesel On-road truck and transit bus replacement grant](#)
- The Application period ends July 9, 4:30 P.M. All applications must be sent via email. No PDFs

#### Where can I get more information?

- A Webinar reviewing the RFP and application forms was given May 16, 1-2:30 PM. The webinar will be recorded and posted online.
- Questions must be sent by email to: [grants.pca@state.mn.us](mailto:grants.pca@state.mn.us), all questions will be answered and posted on this Web page under the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) tab.

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

**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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