



**National Tribal Air Association**

**NTAA Weekly Update**

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## PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

The Passamaquoddy Tribe's (Pleasant Point) TSCAN [is now on the USDA TSCAN Network](#)



*TSCAN stands for Tribal Soil Climate Analysis Network. The site has been named Kci-peskiyak. This Passamaquoddy place name refers to the nearby salt marsh known for its sweet grass and the migratory birds that use the marsh. Occasionally, the area is also leased to farmers to cut for livestock feed. The Passamaquoddy will be adding to the data collection to help assess the changes that are occurring in the environment. Photo credit: Gerald Barnes*

## TOP STORIES

**EPA's Office of International and Tribal Affairs announced this week that W. Scott Mason IV has been appointed as the new Director for the American Indian Environmental Office in the Office of International and Tribal Affairs.** Scott has nearly 15 years of experience serving at the local, state and federal levels of government in various capacities. Most recently, Scott was a Vice President and the Executive Director of Federal Programs at The University of Oklahoma (OU), where he led state and federal relations for all three of the University's campuses. Prior to joining OU, Scott served on the staff of Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin, as well as her gubernatorial transition team. He has also been a District Field Representative in the United States House of Representatives and was the youngest public school board member in Oklahoma. A proud Citizen of the Cherokee Nation, Scott is a 5th generation western Oklahoman. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from The University of Oklahoma.

**NTAA welcomes the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians to the family of NTAA Member Tribes bringing NTAA's roster of member Tribes to 147 Member Tribes.** Your Tribe can join by submitting a letter and application that you can [find here!](#)

**NTAA also welcomes the new Region 7 Alternate representative to the NTAA Executive Committee, Allison Gienapp, who works as an air technician for the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska.** Welcome aboard Allison!

Washington Post - [2°C: BEYOND THE LIMIT: Extreme climate change has arrived in America](#)

NPR - [Air Pollution May Be As Harmful To Your Lungs as Smoking Cigarettes, Study Finds](#)

The Hill - [22 states sue Trump over repeal of Obama-era power plant rules](#)

## **HEADLINES**

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

Government Executive - [EPA Exceeded Trump's Deregulatory Expectations](#)

EPA - [EPA Awards \\$115,000 to Pueblo of Santa Clara to Protect the Environment](#)

EPA - [EPA Awards \\$115,000 to Pueblo of Pojoaque for Environmental Programs](#)

E&E News – [EPA: New oil and gas rule may ignore methane](#)

Fish and Wildlife Services – [Service Announces Landmark Revision to Eagle Retention Policy](#)

NY Times – [How to Reduce Exposure to Air Pollution](#)

StarTribune – [Minnesota Court of Appeals puts PolyMet water permit on hold](#)

E&E News – [Tribe sues Idaho gold project over legacy pollution](#)

E&E News – [Air Pollution: Feds duck high-stakes rehearing in Texas permit case](#)

Native Sun News – [Back to court: Trump admin still fracking Greater Chaco, forcing new lawsuit](#)

Indian Country Today - [White Mountain Apaches lose Ronnie Lupe 'one of its greatest leaders'](#)

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

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

BBC – [Greta Thunberg: Climate change activist sets sail from Plymouth](#)

The Guardian – [‘Coal is over’: The Miners Rooting for the Green New Deal](#)

ENN – [Installing Solar Panels on Agricultural Lands Maximizes Their Efficiency, New Study Shows](#)

Indian Country Today – [UN says rethink land use ‘before it’s too late’](#)

NPR – [To Slow Global Warming, U.N. Warns Agriculture Must Change](#)

Ensia – [What Can We Do to Lessen the Toll of Climate Change on the World’s Poorest People?](#)

Ensia – [The Multi-Billion-Dollar “Climate Services” Industry Is Altering Access to Climate Change Data. Critics Fear Some May Lose Out.](#)

E&E News – [Trump’s ANWR push: Will it \*really\* yield much oil?](#)

KNAU - [Coal Critics Slam Peabody Layoffs at Kayenta Mine](#)

CarbonBrief – [Explainer: ‘Desertification’ and the role of climate change](#)

CarbonBrief – [Guest post: Understanding the water-energy-food nexus in a warming climate](#)

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

Vice News - [Church Rock, America’s Forgotten Nuclear Disaster, Is Still Poisoning Navajo Lands 40 Years Later](#)

EPA – [EPA Announces Biofuel and Small Refinery Exemption Priorities](#)

E&E News – [Amtrak sees opportunity in anti-plane movement](#)

MSN – [A Giant Factory Rises to Make a Product Filling Up the World: Plastic](#)

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

Health Europa – [Addressing the health effects of indoor air pollution](#)

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

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## **UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES**

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

**Reddit Ask Me Anything (AMA) on air pollution and pregnancy/children’s health**

When: Thursday, August 15 at 12 noon ET. A Reddit AMA is a way for experts to share their knowledge through an online question-and-answer session, much like a Twitter chat, but with the opportunity to be more expansive in their explanations. NIEHS is joining the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) to tackle questions from the Reddit community on air pollution’s impacts on pregnancy outcomes and child health. Submit your

questions to [Reddit Ask Science](#) starting at 7:30 a.m. ET Thursday, Aug. 15. At 12:00 p.m. that day, Drs. Gray, Beverly, and Ritz will join the conversation to share answers. [Register for a free Reddit account](#) to ask your question and participate!

### **Determinations of Attainment by the Attainment Date, Extensions of the Attainment Date and Reclassification of Several Areas Classified as Moderate for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards**

The EPA Administrator signed a final action “Determinations of Attainment by the Attainment Date, Extensions of the Attainment Date and Reclassification of Several Areas Classified as Moderate for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards.” A prepublication version of the notice and a summary fact sheet are [posted here](#).

### **EPA’s proposed rule “Reclassification of Major Sources as Area Sources Under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act” was published in the Federal Register (FR) on Friday, July 26, 2019.**

See 84 FR 36304. The FR notice is now [available here](#). The 60-day public comment period is now open. Comments must be received on or before [September 24, 2019](#). EPA will hold one public hearing in response to this proposed action on [August 15, 2019](#), in Washington, DC. Information about the hearing, including location and time, along with instructions on how to register to speak at the hearing was published in the Federal Register on Wednesday, July 31. See 84 FR 37193. The FR notice of the public hearing is now [available here](#). To register to speak at the hearing, please use the online registration form available [here](#) or contact Nancy Perry at (919) 541-5628 or at [perry.nancy@epa.gov](mailto:perry.nancy@epa.gov). The last day to pre-register to speak at the hearing will be August 13, 2019.

### **Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NNSR): Project Emissions Accounting**

The EPA is proposing to revise certain New Source Review (NSR) applicability regulations to clarify the requirements that apply to sources proposing to undertake a physical or operational change (i.e., a project) under the NSR preconstruction permitting program. Under this program, an existing major source proposing to undertake a project must determine whether that project will constitute a major modification following a two-step applicability test and thus be subject to the NSR preconstruction permitting requirements. The first step is to determine if the proposed project will cause a “significant emissions increase” of a regulated NSR pollutant (Step 1). If the proposed project is projected to cause such an increase,

the second step is to determine if there is a “significant net emissions increase” of that pollutant (Step 2). In this action, we are proposing to revise our NSR applicability regulations to make it clear that both emissions increases and emissions decreases that result from a given proposed project are to be considered at Step 1 of the NSR major modification applicability test. In addition, this proposal replaces and withdraws the agency’s 2006 Project Netting Proposal. Comments must be received on or before October 8, 2019. If anyone contacts EPA requesting to speak at a public hearing by August 30, 2019, the EPA will hold a public hearing.

**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

Visit the link below to register, submit session proposals, and find out information about travel and lodging options. We are 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>Indoor Air Quality Work Group:</b> Join this work group to help support IAQ work throughout Indian Country.	Thursday, August 15, 2pm ET
<b>EPA Policy Call:</b> Call in to hear updates from EPA on policies, actions, and tools relevant to Indian Country and Air Quality.	Thursday, August 29, 2pm ET

<b>Mobile Sources Work Group:</b> Formerly the VW Work Group, this Work Group will address all mobile source pollution issues.	Thursday, September 5, 2pm ET
<b>Wood Smoke Work Group:</b> Join this work group to help address air quality issues arising from wood smoke	Wednesday, September 4, 3pm 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
Treatment as a State (TAS)	September 10-11	Chicago, IL	2
Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Communities (lower 48)	September 24-26	Rapid City, South Dakota	1
IAQ Diagnostic Tools	November 19-22	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	2
Air Quality in Alaska	December 3-6	TBD	1
Meteorological Monitoring	TBD	TAMS Center	3
<b>2020</b>			
Introduction to Tribal Air Quality	January 14-17	Flagstaff, AZ	1
Air Quality Computations	February 4-7	Phoenix, AZ	1
<b>Ongoing</b>			
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***

#### **August 14, 1 PM (ET) – Designing for Resilience Across Scales and Systems**

From climate change to rapid urbanization, social inequity to failing infrastructure, there are a wide variety of risks that can compromise a city's ability to be competitive while also supporting the well-being of its residents. This webinar that looks at these challenges and identifies opportunities to design resilient and adaptable cities in the face of these growing threats. This session will examine resilience across scales, systems and sectors, review resilience concepts and look at what resilience means in the built environment. Panelists Katie Wholey, Vincent Riscica and Amy Leitch of Arup will provide an overview of the key concepts for understanding resilience in the context of the built environment, discuss how resilience can be applied at a systems-level for transportation and infrastructure assets, and provide examples of how we can design more resilient buildings across various building typologies, such as healthcare institutions and laboratories.

[Register](#)

#### **August 14, 3 PM (ET) – Clean Energy for Low Income Communities Accelerator (CELICA) Toolkit**

The CELICA toolkit provides an overview of tools, resources, and models for developing low-income energy efficiency and renewable energy programs based on work in the U.S. Department of Energy's CELICA, part of the Better Buildings Initiative Accelerators. This toolkit provides materials to help program administrators reduce energy burden for low-income communities by enhancing and expanding upon work funded through utility, state, or federal programs. These materials are the product CELICA's two-year partnership with over 30

stakeholders from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors and does not provide Department of Energy-funded program guidance.

[Register](#)

### **August 15, 2 PM (ET) – Benchmarking Water & Wastewater Treatment Plants in Portfolio Manager**

This webinar features EPA’s ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager, a powerful online tool that can help you track and manage your system’s energy usage and energy savings from efficiency projects, including related greenhouse gas emissions for your inventories. We will discuss how Portfolio Manager benefits water and wastewater systems, and demonstrate how you can create an account and benchmark your systems at no cost to you.

[Register](#)

### **August 20, 1 PM (ET) – Portfolio Manager 301**

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

[Register](#)

### **August 28, 1 PM (ET) - Unique Aspects of Energy Development on Tribal Lands: Land Leases, Service Line, and Right-of-Way Agreements on Tribal Lands**

Land lease, service line, and right-of-way agreements are key to developing energy projects on tribal lands. This webinar will explore some of the nuances of these agreements with the goal of giving attendees greater understanding of not only their importance in the development process but how they work—including how right-of-way agreements can serve as valuable tools for tribes looking to leverage their land ownership for regional influence and/or financial benefit.

[Register](#)

### **USET Climate Resilience Summit August 27-29, Verona, NY**

USET will be holding its Climate Resilience Summit August 27-29 at the Turning Stone Resort Casino in Verona, NY, on the Oneida Indian Nation. For registration please [follow this link](#). This summit is meant to bring Tribal experts and partners together to share knowledge and best practices in building climate change resilience. Presenters and facilitators will include:

- \* Tribal Nations with climate adaptation plans
- \* Local practitioners in resilience building
- \* Partners from the Northeast & Southeast Climate Adaptation Science Centers

### **September 24–26: 2019 National Tribal Energy Summit (NTES)**

#### **Tribal Energy: Powering Self-Determination**

The Office of Indian Energy, in coordination with the National Conference of State Legislatures, will host the 2019 NTES, Tribal Energy: Powering Self-Determination, September 24-26 at the Westin Washington City Center in Washington, D.C. Educate yourselves and others, expand your circles, and meet with high-level Administration officials and Members of Congress. Tribal leaders—together with the Administration, representatives from federal agencies, state governments, private industry, utilities, and academia—will build networks, exchange ideas, and explore cross-cutting and cost-effective solutions to national energy interests.

Explore taking tribal energy to the next level through:

- Learning modules centered around the key drivers for tribal energy development
- Tribal leader roundtable discussions to address energy policy
- A Women in Energy Leadership Breakfast focusing on tribal perspectives
- Takeaways and resources for participating communities, including utilizing your Tribal Energy Atlas

Unlock the power with DOE and its partner organizations to position your community at the forefront of timely tribal energy conversations. The key to building capacity is first understanding how DOE's Office of Indian Energy can support—or build upon—each tribe's self-determined energy development goals. Registration information coming soon. Stay tuned!

### **November 18–22: Register for 2019 Office of Indian Energy Program Review**

Register now for the 2019 Office of Indian Energy Program Review to be held November 18–22 at the Sheraton Denver West Hotel in Lakewood, Colorado. This annual event is a tremendous opportunity for Indian tribes to meet, learn from other Indian tribes that are pursuing energy self-sufficiency, and share in each other's successes. The 2019 Program Review will feature project status updates from tribes across the nation who are leveraging Office of Indian Energy grant funding to deploy energy technologies or initiate the first steps to energy development. Due to widespread interest in energy development, the Review is also open to all of Indian Country. There is no registration fee, but advanced registration is required to ensure seating and availability of food. [Register now.](#)

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

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

**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***

#### **Release of Exceptional Events Prescribed Fire Guidance**

EPA is releasing a non-binding guidance document titled "Exceptional Events Guidance: Prescribed Fire on Wildland that May Influence Ozone and Particulate Matter Concentrations (*Prescribed Fire Guidance*).” This guidance is intended to assist air agencies in preparing demonstrations for prescribed fire events that satisfy the requirements of the Exceptional Events Rule. You will find the guidance on the [exceptional events webpage](#).

Consistent with the December 2018 Executive Order on Promoting Active Management of America's Forests, Rangelands, and other Federal Lands to Improve Conditions and Reduce Wildfire Risk, EPA and its Federal partners support the promotion of healthy and resilient forests, rangelands, and other Federal lands by actively managing them through partnerships with States, tribes, communities, non-profit organizations, and the private sector. The Prescribed Fire Guidance is part of EPA's broader efforts to facilitate the 2016 Exceptional Events Rule implementation process.

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

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

#### **Estimating the Health Benefits per-Kilowatt Hour of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**

EPA has developed [benefits-per-kWh \(BPK\) values](#) to help state and local government policymakers and other stakeholders estimate the monetized public health benefits of investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy (EE/RE).

Simply multiply the BPK value for your region and the kWh saved through EE or generated through RE to determine the economic value of the associated health benefits.

What are these benefits-per-kWh values and when could you use them? EPA used a [peer reviewed methodology](#) and our [AVERT](#) and [COBRA](#) tools to develop this set of screening-level regional estimates of the dollar benefits per kilowatt-hour from four different types of EE/RE initiatives. These [benefits per kilowatt-hour values](#) are reasonable approximations of the health benefits of state EE/RE investments that can be used for preliminary analysis when comparing across state and local policy scenarios.

Examples of analyses where it would be appropriate to use BPK values include:

- Estimating the public health benefits of regional, state, or local-level investments in EE/RE projects, programs, and policies
- Understanding the cost-effectiveness of regional, state, or local-level EE projects, programs, and measures
- Incorporating health benefits in short-term regional, state, or local policy analyses and decision-making

Learn more and start using the BPK values [here](#). Would you like assistance using the [BPK values](#)? [Let us know!](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### ***Now Hiring!***

**The Arizona Trail Association is hiring a Youth Outreach and Education Coordinator for Northern Arizona**

Open until filled, ideally during the month of August.

[More information here.](#)

**ITEP is hiring a Volkswagen Settlement Technical Assistance Program (VWTAP) Project Assistant**

Position is open until filled.

For more information, contact Mark Daniels at [Mark.Daniels@nau.edu](mailto:Mark.Daniels@nau.edu), or (928) 523-8897.

***Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes***  
**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](#).

**Announcing EPA Tribal Air Quality Training Funding**

*Applications due:* September 20, 2019, at 11:59 p.m. EDT.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) has announced the availability of \$300,000 for tribal governments seeking to investigate, develop and establish air quality management programs. This request for applications is open to states, local governments, territories, federally recognized Native American tribal governments, universities, hospitals, laboratories and nonprofit organizations. The purpose of the grant program is to provide continuous air quality training and technical support to tribal partner governments for air quality initiatives, including wood stove change-out efforts. EPA anticipates awarding one cooperative agreement under this announcement, providing \$100,000 per year for 3 years, and reserves the right to make additional awards under this announcement. The application package can be found on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

**Native American Agricultural Fund Request for Applications**

Since NAAF was launched in 2018, our Board of Trustees and staff have taken steps to craft a strategy that can begin to realize the promise we knew was possible when NAAF was created. Agriculture across Indian Country is as diverse as our Native nations and we hope the applications for funding will reflect that diversity. Native farmers and ranchers are key to the success of Native food

systems and diversification of our agriculture economies. We look forward to the next step on this journey. Prospective applicants are encouraged to view the RFA at [NativeAmericanAgricultureFund.org/grants](http://NativeAmericanAgricultureFund.org/grants). The request for applications opened on Thursday, August 1, 2019. Eligible applicants must submit a complete application no later than **Monday, September 30, 2019, by 11:59 pm CDT**.

Grants will be made in the mission areas of business assistance, agricultural education, technical support and advocacy services. We are also accepting applications across four special emphasis areas listed in the RFA on our website.

Eligible grant recipients are:

- 501(c)(3) organizations
- Educational organizations
- Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) or Native CDFIs, and
- State and federally recognized tribes

Prospective applicants may register for informational RFA webinars at [NativeAmericanAgricultureFund.org/grants-webinar](http://NativeAmericanAgricultureFund.org/grants-webinar). Technical assistance relating strictly to the application process will be available by dedicated phone and email contacts listed in the RFA. For grant-related questions; email [grants@NativeAmericanAgricultureFund.org](mailto:grants@NativeAmericanAgricultureFund.org) or call 479-445-6226.

### **EPA's Tribal Training Support for the Community and Tribal Air Quality Programs Request for Applications**

Closing date: September 30, 2019

Summary: EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning & Standards is soliciting applications from eligible entities to provide tribal training and technical support to tribal governments seeking to investigate, develop and establish air quality management programs for lands under their jurisdiction. The total estimated funding for this competitive opportunity is approximately \$300,000 over three years. EPA anticipates awarding one cooperative agreement from this announcement, subject to availability of funds, the quality of applications received and other applicable considerations. [More information here](#).

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

#### **Emergency Coastal Resilience Fund Applicant Webinar**

The Emergency Coastal Resilience Fund aims to increase the resilience of coastal communities within federally declared counties impacted by hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Yutu and wildfires in 2018. Learn about the funding opportunity and how to submit a competitive grant proposal.

*Coastal communities impacted by hurricanes Florence and Michael, and wildfires:*

**Webinar 1:** Sept. 4, 1 - 2 p.m. ET

**Register:** [bit.ly/2T7IrPS](http://bit.ly/2T7IrPS)

*Coastal communities impacted by Typhoon Yutu:*

**Webinar 2:** Sept. 10, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. ET/8:30 - 9:30 a.m. ChST

**Register:** [bit.ly/332ACiZ](http://bit.ly/332ACiZ)

Request for Proposals coming soon.

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

#### **US Department of Transportation: America's Marine Highway Projects**

Deadline to apply: August 15

The purpose of the appropriation is to make grants available to previously designated Marine Highway Projects that support the development and expansion of documented vessels, or port and landside infrastructure.

Total FY19 Funding: \$7 Million

Eligible Entities include the following:

- Original Project Applicant of a project that the Secretary has previously designated as a Marine Highway Project or;
- A substitute (which can be either a public entity or a private-sector entity who has been referred to the Program Office by the original Project Applicant, with a written explanation, as part of the application);
- State governments (including State departments of transportation), metropolitan planning organizations, port authorities, and tribal governments, or private sector operators of marine highway services within designated Marine Highway Projects.

To apply, read the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#) (deadline August 15).

Selection Criteria: Includes financial viability; demonstration that the funds received will be spent efficiently and effectively; demonstration that a market exists for the services; and public benefits (emissions benefits, energy savings, landside transportation infrastructure maintenance savings, economic competitiveness, safety improvements, and system resiliency and redundancy).

#### **US Department of Transportation: Port Infrastructure Development Program**

Deadline to apply: September 16

The Department of Transportation seeks projects that will: (1) advance technology-supported safety and design efficiency improvements; (2) bring facilities to a state of good repair and improve resiliency; (3) promote efficient trade in energy resources; (4) promote exports of manufacturing, agriculture, or other goods; and

(5) for only the top 15 coastal ports, support the safe flow of agricultural and food products, free of pests and disease, domestically and internationally.

Total FY19 Funding: \$292.7 Million

Minimum Amount Awarded: \$10 Million

Eligible Entities include the following:

- Port authority;
- A commission or its subdivision or agent under existing authority;
- State, local, and tribal governments;
- A public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more States;
- A special purpose district with a transportation function;
- A multistate or multijurisdictional group of entities, or;
- A lead entity described above jointly with a private entity or group of private entities.

To apply, see MARAD's [PIDP webpage](#) (deadline September 16).

About the Grant, [PIDP Webpage](#)

Selection Criteria: Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of the movement of goods into, out of, around, or within a coastal seaport, as well as the unloading and loading of cargo at a coastal seaport.

### ***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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