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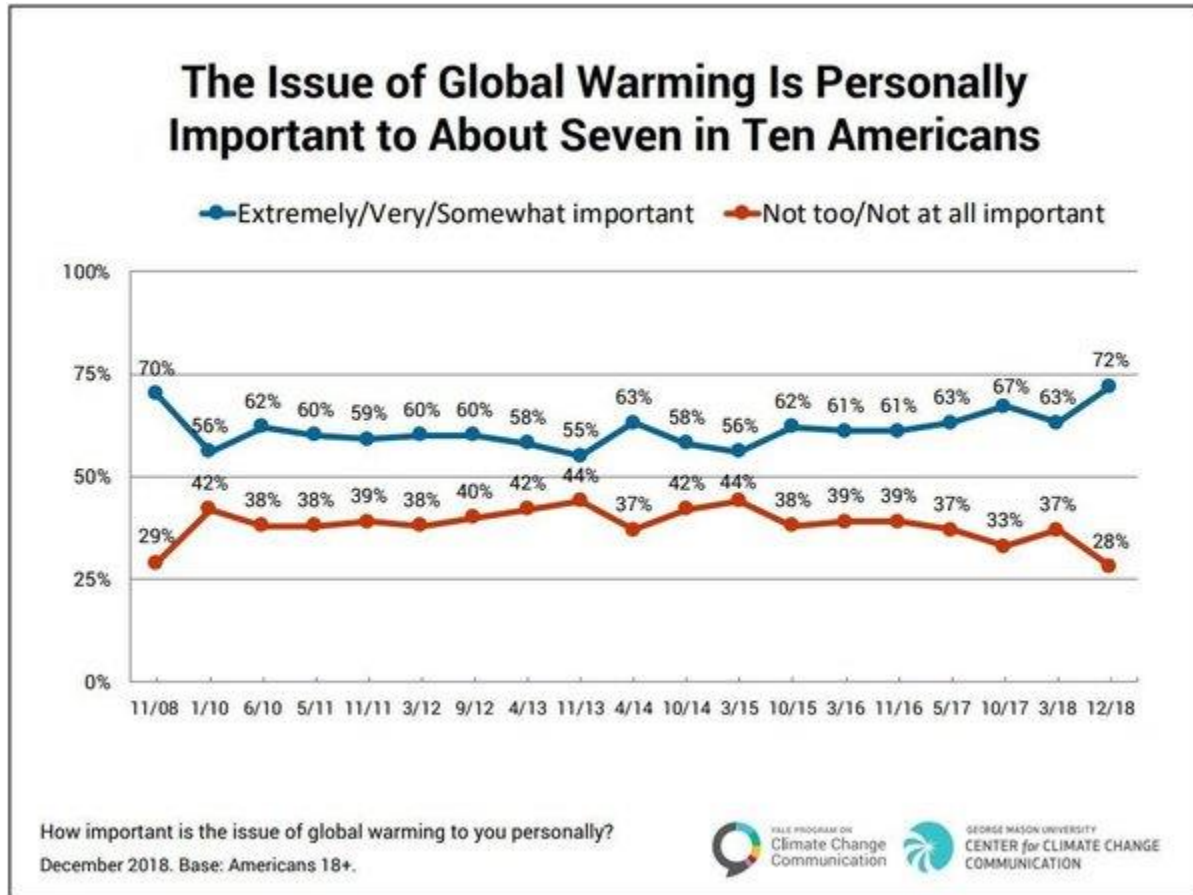
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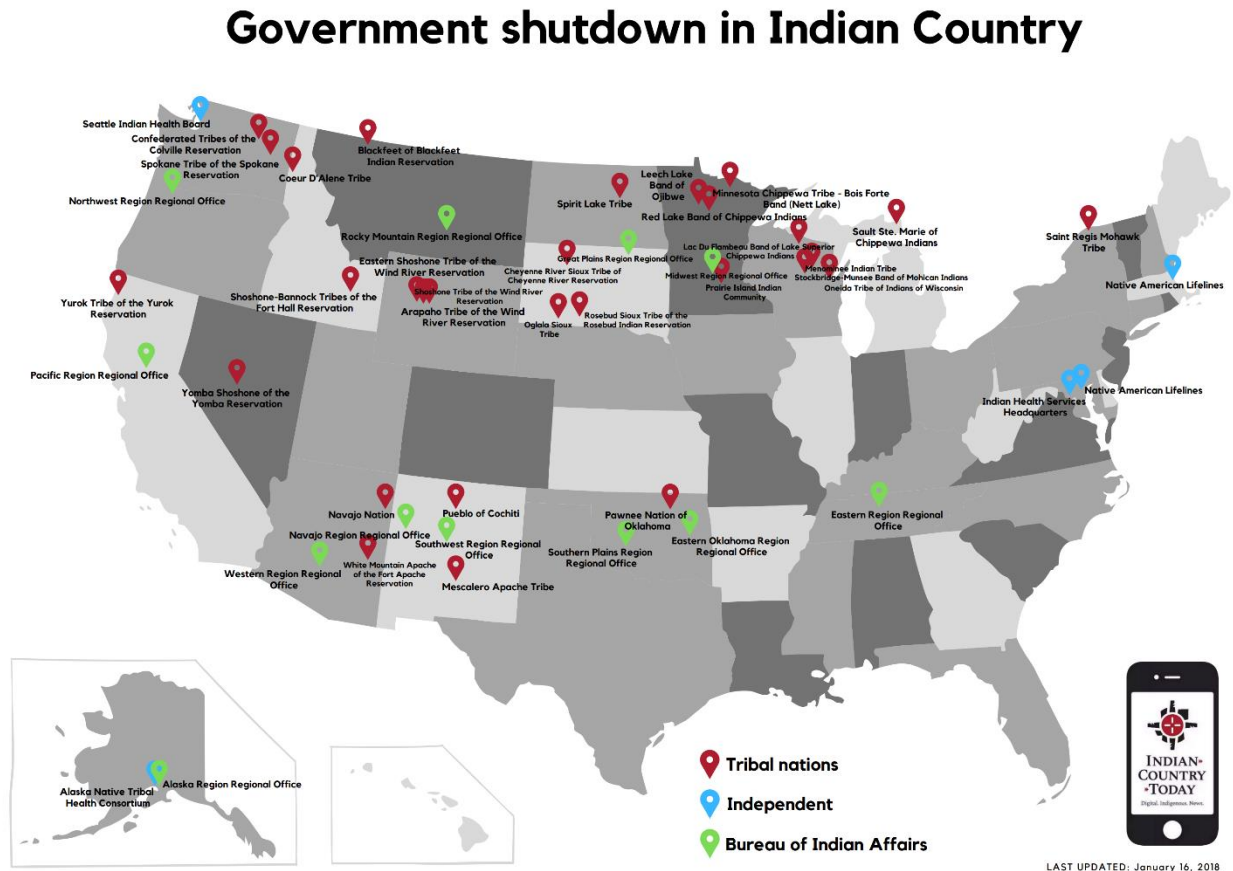
PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

NPR – [Concern about Global Warming Among Americans Spikes, Report Says](#)



In 2018, more people surveyed said they felt the issues of global warming was personally important to them than at any time in the survey's 11 year history. Credit: Climate Change in the American Mind 2018

Indians – [Mark Trahan: Tribal voices missing in debate over shutdown and border wall](#)



Indian Country Today is compiling #ShutdownStories from tribal communities and others affected by the longest shutdown in U.S. history. Spreadsheets: [Impact of shutdown on tribal communities](#) / [Impact on individuals, nonprofits](#) Credit: Indian Country Today

TOP STORIES

NTAA Releases a Fact Sheet on EPA's Proposal: Revised Supplemental Cost Finding for the MATS and Results of the Residual Risk and Technology Review

EPA will publish a proposed revised Supplemental Cost Finding for the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) and the Clean Air Act (CAA) required "risk and technology review." The proposed rule revises the 2016 Supplemental Cost Finding, rescinding the "appropriate and necessary" finding for EPA to regulate Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) emissions from coal- and oil-fired power plants under section 112 of CAA because the cost of the regulation outweighs the

quantified HAP benefits and requests comments on whether EPA has the authority to remove EGUs from the list of sources. Once the proposal is entered into the federal register, the EPA will accept comments for 60 days after publication and will hold a public hearing. The NTAA has published a Fact Sheet on this proposal and a Tribal Template Comment Letter will follow, both of which can be found on the [NTAA's Policy Response Kit webpage](#). For more information, see the EPA's website [here](#).

Virgil Masayesva Excellence Award Call for Nominations

The TAMS Center is announcing a call for nominations for the Virgil Masayesva Tribal Air Programs Excellence Award. The nomination deadline is February 22, 2019, and can be [submitted online](#). For further information, please contact either Farshid Farsi, TAMS-EPA Codirector (Farsi.Farshid@epa.gov or 702-784-8263), or Christopher Lee, TAMS-ITEP Codirector (christopher.lee@nau.edu or 702-784-8278).

TAMS Steering Committee Open Seat Nominations

The TAMS Center is also announcing a call for nominations for a position on the Steering Committee. The nomination deadline is February 28, 2019, and can be [submitted online](#). For further information, please contact either Farshid Farsi, TAMS-EPA Codirector (Farsi.Farshid@epa.gov or 702-784-8263), or Christopher Lee, TAMS-ITEP Codirector (christopher.lee@nau.edu or 702-784-8278).

Discover Magazine - [Why Climate Change is bringing the Polar Vortex South](#)

CNN – [To fix climate change, fix the obesity and starvation epidemics, reports say](#)

Washington Post – [‘Everything is not going to be okay’: How to live with constant reminder that the Earth is in trouble](#)

Editor's Note: ITEP's Nikki Cooley is featured in this article!

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Business Insider – [EPA senior official says not certain climate change is a crisis](#)

The Hill – [Trump EPA official: Addressing climate change ‘one of many priorities’](#)

The Hill - [New EPA policy would offer alternative to penalties for some oil, gas polluters](#)

Reuters – [U.S. EPA fines for polluters at lowest level in two decades, data shows](#)

Roll Call – [Coal industry fought black lung tax as disease rates rose](#)

NPR – [‘I figured It Was Going to Be a Horrible Death, and It Probably Will Be’](#)

E&E News – [Researchers encourage planning, not logging, to reduce blazes](#)

AP News – [Oregon Oks new smoke rules to allow more prescribed burns](#)

E&E News – [EPA: How the shutdown hamstrung agency’s giant grant machine](#)

E&E News – [Air Pollution: Pallone wants documents on Wheeler, Pruitt policies](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

Native News Online – [Navajo Council Energy Advisor Outlines Economic Impacts of Navajo Generating Station](#)

E&E News – [Offshore Wind: Landmark project faces critical test in R.I.](#)

NPR – [Teen Inspires Youth Demonstrations across Europe, Demanding Action on Climate Change](#)

E&E News – [Pipelines: Climate impacts are ‘virtually unknowable’ – FERC](#)

NY Times – [As Climate Warms, Plants Will Absorb Less CO₂, Study Finds](#)

E&E News – [Love snow? Here’s how it’s changing](#)

The Guardian – [Germany agrees to end reliance on coal stations by 2038](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

E&E News – [Safety alert shuts Electrify America chargers](#)

Cronkite News – [Arizona Corporation Commission adopts first rules to encourage electric vehicles](#)

Indoor Air Quality

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

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UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Save the Date! 2019 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality – Celebrating 20 Years!

May 6-9, 2019, hosted by the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians, Temecula, California, the NTF provides environmental professionals from tribes, EPA, and other organizations an opportunity to meet and discuss current policies, regulatory initiatives, and technical topics in air quality. The NTF is a cooperative endeavor co-sponsored by The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and the National Tribal Air Association (NTAA), made possible by funding from US EPA and our generous sponsors. [Check back here](#) in the coming weeks for registration information!

EPA will postpone the public hearing planned for January 29, 2019 on its Proposed 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.

Due to the government shutdown, the notice announcing the details for the public hearing and reopening the comment period for the proposal was not published in the Federal Register. Updated information on the hearing and the public comment period will be [available here](#) when it is available.

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EPA Publishes Proposal to Revise Greenhouse Gas New Sources Performance Standards for Fossil Fuel-Fired Power Plants

The proposal is open for public comment through February 19, 2019. For further information, click [here](#). The NTAA has released a Fact Sheet, and is currently preparing a Tribal Template Comment Letter for this proposal that will be [posted here](#).

The **Tribal Exchange Network Conference** (originally planned for February 26-28, 2019) has been postponed until further notice. The event will be rescheduled as soon as possible and will ensure the new dates provide a more reasonable window for travel coordination and planning. In the meantime, the Exchange Network Tribal Governance Group (TGG) are continuing to work on planning and scoping for the Conference, including identifying potential topics of interest and speakers. If you have suggestions or comments for the agenda, please send a suggestion to: goo.gl/QmiUHg For additional updates via email and website announcements; visit www.tribalexchangenetwork.org for details.

20th Annual Ogden-Murphy-Wallace Tribal Environmental Seminar

Dates: Wednesday, March 27 – Thursday, March 28, 2019

Location: Seattle, WA

The theme for the 2019 Seminar is “Exercising Governmental Sovereignty: What have Tribal environmental programs accomplished in the last 20 years and what does the future hold?” For more information, call Jennifer Sanscrainte or Richard Du Bey at 206.447.7000.

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

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

Save the date! 2019 Tribal Lands & Environment Forum

August 19-22, 2019

Palm Springs, California

[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 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.

Wood Smoke Work Group: Join this work group to help address air quality issues arising from wood smoke	Wednesday, February 6, 3pm ET
Volkswagen Settlement Work Group: Continue to track the ongoing developments and help guide the process	Thursday, February 7, 2pm ET
STAR Work Group: Help in the creation of the Status of Tribal Air Report	Wednesday, February 13, 2pm ET
Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Join these calls to help address the air most people breathe most of the time	Thursday, February 21, 2pm ET
NTAA/EPA Air Policy Update Call: Receive air quality policy updates from EPA and NTAA	Thursday, February 28, 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 [2018-2019 AIAQTP Course Schedule](#)

Course Title	Dates	Location	Course Level
IAQ Diagnostic Tools	<i>Postponed due to federal shutdown</i>	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	2
Air Pollution Technology	March 12-15	Flagstaff, AZ	2
Air Quality in Alaska	March 19-21	Klawock, AK	1
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke (hybrid course)	April 2-3	Boise, ID	2
Air Quality Project Planning, QAPPs, and Grants for Alaska	April 9-12	Anchorage, AK	2
Fundamentals of Air Monitoring	April 16-18	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	2
Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Communities (lower 48)	TBD	TBD	3
NTF	May		
Introduction to Tribal Air Quality	June 4-7	Flagstaff, AZ	2
Air Pollution and Ecosystems	Late July	Flagstaff, AZ	2
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke (hybrid course)	January-March	Series of 6 Webinars	NA
Indoor Air Quality – Independent Study	Anytime	Independent Study	1
Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Cold Climates	Open	Online	1
Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Warm Climates	In development	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 or phone 928-523-6721. For more information, please visit [ITEP's website](#).

Climate Change / Energy

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

Toxics/Mobile Sources

ITEP VW Settlement Technical Assistance Program is hosting an Informational Webinar on the VW Settlement for Tribes TODAY, Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 3:30 pm ET.

Call into 1-805-309-2350 or toll free 1-800-309-2350 and use code 928-523#. To register and view documents discussed on the call, please log onto: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8365312459405652993>

You are invited to join the ITEP VW Settlement Technical Assistance Program's informational webinar on the Volkswagen Diesel Emission Environmental Mitigation Trust for Indian Tribe Beneficiaries. This webinar will provide overview of the "Trust Agreement" and the process and deadlines associated with the Second Round of funding for Tribes.

A copy of the final, filed version of the Modified Indian Tribe Trust Agreement was filed with the United States District Court for the Northern District of California (the "Court") on November 30, 2018 (the "Trust Modification Effective Date"). A searchable copy of the executed, Modified Indian Tribe Trust Agreement is available for download on the Indian Tribe Trust's [public-facing website](#).

Indoor Air Quality

The NTAA IAQ work group will present an informational webinar on *Policy Tools to Improve Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Homes*

Save the Date: March 6, 2019, at 3:30pm ET (*Note that this is a change in date from previous Weekly Update announcements.*)

Information to follow.

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RESOURCES

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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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Indoor Air Quality

January is National Radon Action Month

January is National Radon Action Month. Radon is an odorless and colorless gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer. Testing and having a plan to mitigate high levels of radon in your home, schools, and other buildings can help prevent unnecessary exposure. If a high radon level is suspected in your home, you can [take steps to fix the problem](#).

- Test your home. Winter is the best time to test for radon. Testing is easy and inexpensive. Learn about [testing your home](#), including how to obtain an easy-to-use test kit.
- Spread the word. Encourage others to learn about radon and test their homes. Tell your family and friends about the [health risks of radon](#).
- Plan an activity in your community to help raise awareness.

EPA Region 10 recently produced a video to raise awareness about radon hazards in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. The video is an effective tool to educate viewers and is available on EPA's [YouTube channel](#). To learn more about radon and National Radon Action Month, check out EPA's [National Radon Action Month Consumer Information](#) website.

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

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Now Hiring!

Red Feather is hiring a Program Coordinator for the Four Corners Wood and Coal Burning Appliance Replacement and Home Weatherization Project

Learn more [about Red Feather here](#).

View the [job posting here](#).

University of New Hampshire Summer Sustainability Fellowships

[Applications](#) are now being accepted for the [2019 UNH Summer Sustainability Fellowships](#). Sustainability Fellowships are a fantastic opportunity to gain unique hands-on experience, make valuable connections throughout New England, and contribute to impactful work over the summer. Graduate and upper-class undergraduate students from any discipline are encouraged to apply. More information is available on [our website](#). All are welcome to attend the [info session](#) on January 31, 2019, or the [webinar](#) on February 1, 2019.

Applications are due by February 7, 2019.

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EPA Environmental Justice Small Grants Opportunity is Now Open! 2019 Request for Proposals

Full Proposal Due Date: Friday, February 15, 2019 by 11:59 PM Eastern Time

The Environmental Justice Small Grants (EJSG) program awards grants that support community-driven projects designed to engage, educate, and empower communities to better understand local environmental and public health issues and develop strategies for addressing those issues, building consensus in the community, and setting community priorities. The EJSG program will award approximately \$1.5 million nationwide for this competitive opportunity. EPA anticipates awarding approximately 50 grants (5 per EPA region) of up to \$30,000 each. These grants are for one-year projects. See additional details at: [FY2019 EJ Small Grants RFP webpage](#)

Informational Pre-Application Assistance Calls (Eastern Time)

- Thursday January 31, 2019 - 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Go directly to the EJSG program website to access the full RFP including instructions on applying through [Grants.gov](#): [FY2019 EJ Small Grants RFP webpage](#).

Climate Change/Energy

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EPA Tribal Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program FY18 – \$2 million

Applications Due: April 3, 2019

Eligible Entities: Tribal governments and Alaska Native Villages which have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality

EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting proposals nationwide for 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. Further, priority for funding will be given to projects which result in outcomes that benefit affected communities, those that engage affected communities with respect to the design and performance of the project, and those which can demonstrate the ability to promote and continue efforts to reduce emissions after the project has ended. For more information, visit the Clean Diesel Tribal Grants [web page](#).

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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Most Recent Listing: EPA Rules from the Federal Register can be [found here](#).

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