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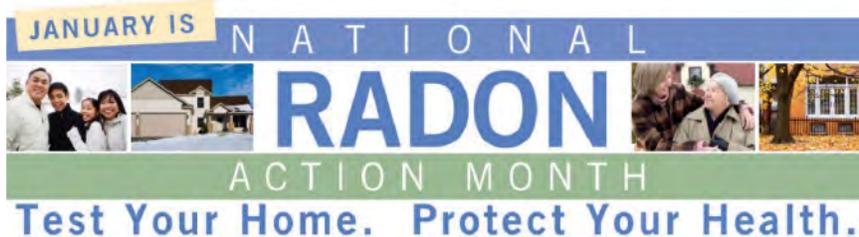
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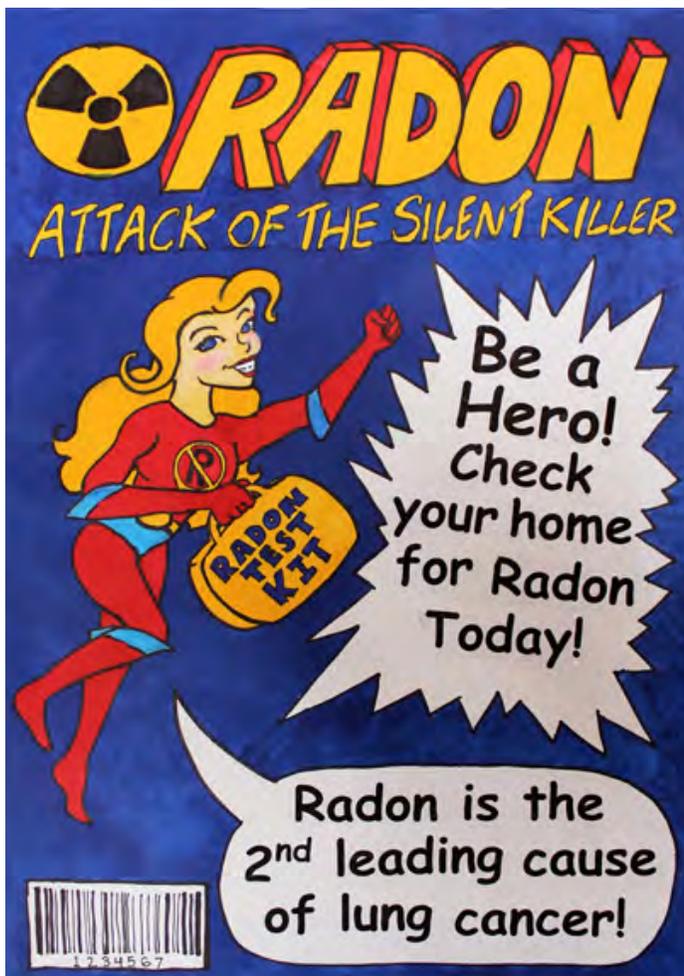
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Top News



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.

Federal Action Plan to Reduce Childhood Lead Exposure



FEDERAL ACTION PLAN

To Reduce Childhood Lead Exposures and Associated Health Impacts

PRESIDENT'S TASK FORCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RISKS AND SAFETY RISKS TO CHILDREN

DECEMBER 2018

Last month, EPA Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler, U.S. Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson, and U.S. Health and Human Services Deputy Secretary Eric Hargan unveiled the Trump Administration's *Federal Lead Action Plan to Reduce Childhood Lead Exposures and Associated Health Impacts (Lead Action Plan)*.

Developed through cross-governmental collaboration, the *Lead Action Plan* is a blueprint for reducing lead exposure and associated harms by working with a range of stakeholders, including states, tribes, and local communities - along with businesses, property owners, and parents. The full report is available on EPA's [Federal Action Plan to Reduce Childhood Lead Exposure](#) website.

Since the 1970s, the U.S. has made progress in lowering children's blood lead levels. Lead exposure continues to pose a significant health and safety threat to children, preventing them from reaching their fullest potential. No safe blood lead level in children has been identified. Check out EPA's [Protect Your Family from Exposures from Lead](#) website to learn about lead and how to reduce your exposure.

Proposed Definition of Waters of the United States

EPA and the Department of the Army are proposing a new definition of "Waters of the United States" (WOTUS) that clarifies federal authority under the Clean Water Act. The proposal is the second step to review and revise the definition of Waters of the United States consistent with President Trump's February 2017 Executive Order, *Restoring the Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by Reviewing the 'Waters of the United States' Rule*. The proposed rule would provide clarity, predictability and consistency so that the regulated community can easily understand where the Clean Water Act applies—and where it does not.

The agencies believe this proposed definition identifies waters that should be subject to regulation under the Clean Water Act while respecting the role of states and tribes in managing their own land and water resources. States and many tribes have existing regulations that apply to waters within their borders, whether or not they are considered Waters of the United States. The proposal gives states and tribes more flexibility in determining how best to manage their land and water resources while protecting the nation's navigable waters.

EPA and the Army are exploring ways the agencies can work with federal, state, and tribal partners to develop a data or mapping system that could provide a clearer understanding of the presence or absence of jurisdictional waters.

The agencies will take comment on the proposal for 60 days after publication in the Federal Register. A pre-publication version of the Federal Register notice, the supporting analyses, fact sheets, and other information is available on EPA's [Waters of the United States Rulemaking](#) website.

GAP Online System Updates

In FY 2010, EPA's American Indian Environmental Office began requiring IGAP grant recipients to use the GAP Online system for entering workplans and progress reports. This requirement was intended to increase accountability and transparency by providing a source of quality information about IGAP funded projects and achievements.

During FY 2017 and 2018 AIEO worked with GAP Online users to gather ideas to increase efficiency and reduce administrative burden in the GAP Online system. In response to the feedback received, AIEO revised the GAP Online system in the following ways.

- Migrated GAP Online to an agile Apex platform, making future modifications to the application easier, faster, and less costly.
- Improved system security, enhanced data integrity, and aligned it with EPA user authentication protocols.
- Made GAP Online browser and operating system neutral, so it's compatible with multiple web browsers (not just Internet Explorer).
- Improved navigation, visualization, and the overall user experience.

Important!

- The legacy [GAP Online 2.3.5](#) is **no longer accepting new work plans**, but remains available for grant recipients to create and edit progress reports for workplans that were already approved in that system.
- [GAP Online 3.0](#) (also known as GO3) is available and *optional* for FY 2019 workplan entry and progress reporting, as well as for FY 2020 work plan negotiation. AIEO encourages IGAP grant applicants to use GO3 to develop work plans — *but it is not required*. PPG recipients may also use GO3 if the project officer approves.
- In FY19, IGAP grant recipients may choose to opt out of using either version of GAP Online. Those who select this option must work with their IGAP project officer to determine how reports should be submitted.

FY 2019 is considered a pilot year for GO3 and those who use it during the pilot year will have the opportunity to provide feedback to ensure that the system is beneficial to the national program and individual users.

AIEO extends appreciation to those who have provided constructive feedback as EPA developed and tested the new GO3 application. AIEO will continue to collect feedback from EPA staff and grant recipient GO3 users to increase efficiency, transparency, and national consistency to reduce administrative burdens and improve EPA's ability to capture capacity development progress and tribal accomplishments.

If you have questions about the legacy [GAP Online 2.3.5](#), the new [GO3](#) system, or EPA's expectations during FY 2019, please contact your [IGAP project officer](#) or send an email to GAP@epa.gov.



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Aquatic Life Water Quality Criteria for Aluminum

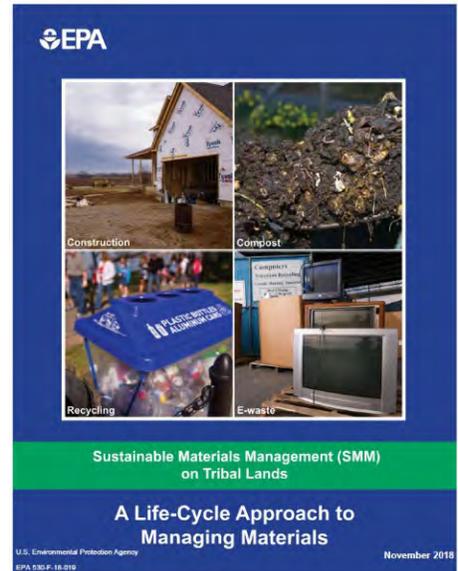
The Clean Water Act requires EPA to develop criteria for ambient water quality for determining when water has become unsafe for people and wildlife. State and tribal governments may use these criteria or develop their own. EPA recently published updated aquatic life criteria for aluminum in freshwater. The updated criteria reflects the latest science and allows users to develop site-specific criteria demonstrating the impacts of local water chemistry on aluminum toxicity to aquatic life.

Aluminum is a natural element found in most soils and rocks and can enter the water from natural processes, but can also be released to water by mining, industrial processes using aluminum, or from wastewater treated with alum - an aluminum compound. Aluminum is considered a non-essential metal because fish and other aquatic life don't need it to function, but elevated levels of aluminum can affect some species ability to regulate ions, like salts, and inhibit respiratory functions like breathing. More information is available on EPA's [Aquatic Life Criteria – Aluminum](#) website.

New Fact Sheets for Tribes on RCRA and Sustainable Materials Management

EPA has two new fact sheets available for tribes. *RCRA Information for Tribes* discusses waste management programs and resources for tribes. The fact sheet is available on EPA's [RCRA Information for Tribes](#) website.

Sustainable Materials Management (SMM) on Tribal Lands - A Life-Cycle Approach to Managing Materials fact sheet introduces the concept of SMM, showcasing tribal projects that have successfully applied SMM principles and practices, and encourages tribes to consider this approach to materials management. The fact sheet is available on EPA's [SMM on Tribal Lands – A Life-Cycle Approach to Managing Materials](#) website.



RTOC News



The Region 10 Regional Tribal Operations Committee is a partnership between EPA and elected tribal representatives to further tribal environmental objectives at the regional level, serve as a liaison between the EPA and tribes regarding information exchange, and provide assistance to the National Tribal Operations Committee.

Upcoming RTOC Meetings

- **January 17** • Conference Call
- **February 21** • Conference Call
- **March 4-5** • Quarterly Meeting • Portland, OR
- [Submit Meeting Discussion Topics](#)

2019 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit

March 6-8, 2019

Portland, OR

The 2019 TELS conference will feature large plenary gatherings each morning to share and learn from each other on important aspects of managing the life-force of our communities — the physical environment. Each afternoon will offer separate tracks for air, land, and water. The conference organizers encourage tribal leaders to attend sessions along with their tribe's environmental staff to nurture dialogue and understanding. Separate youth sessions will also be offered in the afternoons with scholarships available for youth participants.

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- [Follow us on Facebook](#) for the most up to date news and opportunities.
- If you wish to attend or add an agenda item to a monthly meeting, or if you have questions, comments, or suggestions for how RTOC can better serve your community — please contact the [RTOC representative for your area](#) or the Interim RTOC Coordinator, [Randi Madison](#).

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communications@region10rtoc.net

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Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit

Portland, Oregon

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Sovereignty: Air, Land & Water



Tribal Consultation

A full list of consultation opportunities is available in [EPA's Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System](#).

Adopting Subpart Ba Requirements in Emissions Guidelines for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills

END DATE: **January 3.**

The proposed **Municipal Solid Waste Landfills** rule changes the regulatory text to cross-reference new implementation requirements at 40 CFR part 60, subpart Ba to align with the August 2018 proposed **Affordable Clean Energy** rule. The proposed ACE rule included a new implementing regulation for **Clean Air Act** section 111(d) that would change the timing requirements for the submission of state plans, EPA's review of state plans, and the issuance of federal plans. In addition, the new implementing regulation would include new completeness criteria modeled after those that apply to state implementation plans submitted under CAA section 110.

MSW landfill affected facilities may be located throughout Indian country. If you believe your tribe could be affected by these proposed actions, please consult with EPA prior to the Agency issuing the final rule. If your tribe has questions about the proposed rule, you may request an informal discussion. For more information check out the EPA's [Municipal Solid Waste Landfills: New Source Performance Standards \(NSPS\), Emission Guidelines \(EG\) and Compliance Times](#) website.

CONTACT: **Toni Colón** • 919-541-0069 • colon.toni@epa.gov

Proposed Amendments to New Source Performance Standards for Residential Wood Heaters, Residential Hydronic Heaters, and Forced-Air Furnaces

END DATE: **January 11.**

EPA is taking steps toward ensuring that the Agency's new source performance standards for new residential wood heaters are based on real-world conditions. Over 90 percent of wood heating device manufacturers and retailers are small businesses. The proposed amendments would allow retailers additional time to sell the existing inventory of hydronic heaters and forced-air furnaces to ensure the full five-year compliance period is available for manufacturers as clearly intended in the 2015 **New Source Performance Standards**.

EPA seeks comment on several aspects of the 2015 NSPS, including the feasibility of the upcoming May 2020 compliance date for manufacturers of hydronic heaters, forced-air furnaces, wood stoves and pellet stoves to meet a second, more stringent emission limit for particulate matter (PM), known as the Step 2 PM limit. In addition, EPA seeks comment on the several aspects of the 2015 rule.

Residential wood heating devices may be located throughout Indian country. If you believe your tribe could be affected by the proposed action, EPA invites your tribe to consult prior to the Agency issuing the final rule. Additionally, if your tribe has questions about the proposed rule or the Advanced Notice of the Proposed Rulemaking, we invite you to request an informal discussion. To learn more, check out EPA's [Proposed Amendments to the New Source Performance Standards for Residential Wood Heaters](#) website.

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Alaska Revised Water Quality Standards Mixing Zone Rule

END DATE: **March 6.**

In 2006 the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation submitted revisions to its water quality standards addressing the authorization of mixing zones. A regulatory mixing zone is an area where initial mixing and dilution of a discharge with its receiving water occurs and pollutant concentrations may exceed certain applicable water quality criteria. The allowance for regulatory mixing zones is based on the premise that certain water quality criteria may be exceeded under limited circumstances, while still protecting the designated and existing uses for the whole water body.

Federal water quality standards at 40 CFR Part 131 requires that states and authorized tribes adopt designated uses for their waters, water quality criteria to protect those designated uses, and an antidegradation policy. States and authorized tribes may also adopt general policies affecting application and implementation of water quality standards — such as mixing zone policies. Information on Alaska’s revised mixing zone rule can be found on the [Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Mixing Zones](#) website.

In 2005, EPA offered an opportunity for tribal consultation, however neither tribal consultation nor EPA’s **Clean Water Act** action were completed, and EPA is now preparing to take a CWA action on Alaska’s revised mixing zone rule. EPA is again offering the opportunity for tribal consultation because significant time has passed.

EPA will hold two informational conference calls for tribal governments to discuss this pending CWA action. Conference calls will be held on **January 23 at 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.** and on **February 6 at 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.** Alaska Time. To join, call **202-991-0477** and enter conference code **8014105**.

If your tribe is interested in requesting consultation, please contact **Bill Beckwith** at 206-553-2495 or beckwith.william@epa.gov. Tribes that previously requested government-to-government consultation on this action are asked to reaffirm their interest.

CONTACT: **Bill Beckwith** • 206-553-2495 • beckwith.william@epa.gov

FY 2020-2021 National Program Guidances

END DATE: **March 18.**

The National Program Guidances communicate operational planning priorities, strategies, key activities and measures, and guide grant work planning with tribes, states, and territories. The following eight EPA offices issue National Program Guidances: Office of Water, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Land and Emergency Management, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Environmental Information, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, and Office of International and Tribal Affairs.

The EPA’s consultation and coordination process will include several opportunities for meaningful input. As part of early engagement, the EPA’s **Regional Administrators** will convene meetings with tribal, state, and territory leaders as a critical first phase to inform development of the FY 2020-2021 National Program Guidances. National Program Offices will continue to engage with the National Tribal Caucus, tribal partnership groups, and other relevant organizations, and will consider this feedback together with the results of the RAs’ early engagement efforts, in developing their National Program Guidances.

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Tribal Consultation: FY 2020-2021 National Program Guidances

The EPA will make available draft National Program Guidances on the [National Program Guidance](#) website for a 30-day external review and comment period. The review and comment period is planned for February 14, 2019 through March 18, 2019. A template will be posted on the National Program Guidance website for tribes to use to provide written comments. Two national conference calls for tribes are planned for February 26 and March 7.

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Grants

2018 Targeted Airshed Grants

APPLICATIONS DUE: **January 4.**

The overall goal of the Targeted Airshed Grant Program is to reduce air pollution in the nation's areas with the highest levels of ozone and PM_{2.5} ambient air concentrations. This program will assist local, state, or tribal air pollution control agencies to develop plans and conduct projects to reduce air pollution in nonattainment areas. EPA anticipates awarding a total of approximately 8-12 assistance agreements from this announcement.

The Request for Applications and other details are available on EPA's [2018 Targeted Airshed Grants](#) website.

HUD FY 2018 Indian Community Development Block Grant

APPLICATIONS DUE: **January 7.**

The Indian Community Development Block Grant program provides tribes and tribal organizations with grants for use in developing viable Indian and Alaska Native communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities - primarily for low and moderate-income persons. The ICDBG program can provide funding for housing, community facilities, or economic development. The ICDBG Notice of Funding Availability is on HUD's [Indian Community Development Block Grant Program](#) website. NOFA related questions can be sent by email to ONAP-ICDBG@hud.gov.



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FY 2020 Indian Environmental General Assistance Program

PROPOSALS DUE: **January 31.**

The EPA Region 10 **Notice of Funding Availability** for FY 2020 Indian Environmental **General Assistance Program** is available on EPA’s [Region 10 Tribal Environmental GAP Funding](#) website. IGAP grants help tribes and tribal consortia build capacity for developing and administering environmental protection programs. The NOFA describes everything you need to know to prepare and submit your IGAP grant application. Please read the NOFA carefully before drafting your proposal, as some requirements have changed. EPA Region 10 will host a series of webinars for applicants on the NOFA. The webinar schedule is on **page 16** and is available on the [Region 10 Tribal Environmental GAP Funding](#) website. If you have questions about the NOFA, please contact your tribe’s [IGAP project officer](#).

FY 2019 Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup Grants

PROPOSALS DUE: **January 31.**



Grants offered by EPA’s brownfields program may be used to address sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum) and petroleum. Details on each opportunity and eligibility are outlined below.

Multipurpose Grants

EPA anticipates awarding an estimated ten Multipurpose Grants for an estimated \$800,000 per grant. The project period is up to five years. Applicants should have the capacity to conduct a range of eligible activities such as developing inventories of brownfield sites, prioritizing sites, conducting community involvement activities, conducting environmental site assessments, developing cleanup and reuse plans, conducting cleanup activities on brownfields sites owned by the applicant, and developing an overall plan for revitalization. An applicant must be the sole owner of at least one brownfield site within their target area by **January 31.**

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FY 2019 Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup Grants

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Assessment Grants

Assessment Grants provide funding for developing inventories of brownfields sites, prioritizing sites, conducting community involvement activities, conducting planning, site assessments, developing site-specific cleanup plans, and developing reuse plans. Assessment Grant funds may not be used to conduct cleanup activities. Applicants may apply for a community-wide, a site-specific assessment grant, and/or apply as part of an assessment coalition. Community-wide and site-specific proposals are each funded up to \$200,000 over three years, assessment coalition proposals are funded up to \$600,000 over three years.

Cleanup Grants

Cleanup Grants provide funding to carry out cleanup activities on brownfields sites owned by the applicant. An applicant may only submit one Cleanup Grant proposal in FY19. Applicants may propose to use up to \$500,000 to clean up one brownfield site or to allocate up to \$500,000 among multiple sites. An applicant must be the sole owner of the site that is the subject of its Cleanup Grant proposal and must own the site by January 31. Cleanup Grant applicants must have an ASTM E1903-11 Phase II environmental site assessment or equivalent site investigation report that indicates a basic understanding of what contaminants need to be cleaned up, even if further Phase II assessment work is required.

Eligible entities include local governments (such as a county, municipality, city, town, local public authority including any public and Indian housing agency, school district, special district, intrastate district, council of governments, any other regional or interstate government entity, or any agency or instrumentality of a local government), land clearance authorities, regional councils, redevelopment agencies, states, Indian tribes other than in Alaska (except for Metlakatla Indian Community), tribal consortia, Alaska Native Regional and Village Corporations, nonprofit organizations, and others.

Even though federally recognized tribes in Alaska are not eligible for the competitive EPA brownfields funding (with the exception of Metlakatla Indian Community), tribes in Alaska may collaborate with other eligible entities in the application process. In addition to local governments, land clearance authorities, regional councils, etc., Alaska Native Village and Regional Corporations are eligible to apply for competitive brownfields opportunities. Please see Section III.A. of each of the MAC Guidelines, under “Who Can Apply”, for a list of eligible applicants.

Details on brownfields grant opportunities are available on EPA’s [Multipurpose, Assessment, RLF, and Cleanup \(MARC\) Grant Application Resources](#) website. Please contact the EPA Region 10 brownfields team to discuss eligibility.

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Susan Morales • 206-553-7299 • morales.susan@epa.gov



2019 Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grants

PROPOSALS DUE: **January 31.**

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Wildlife Habitat Council in cooperation with the EPA, USDA Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, FedEx, Southern Company, Shell Oil Company, and BNSF Railway are pleased to solicit applications for the 2019 Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration program. The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration grant program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds, and the species and habitats they support. Projects include a variety of ecological improvements along with targeted community outreach, education, and stewardship.

Funding levels range from \$10,000 to \$40,000, with \$20,000 as the average amount awarded. Grants should span 12 to 18 months in length with a start date in July 2019. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, state, local, and municipal governments, tribes, and educational institutions. For more information on the Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program, see EPA's [5 Star Wetland and Urban Waters Restoration Grants](#) website.

2020 Partners for Fisheries Monitoring Program

PROPOSALS DUE: **January 31.**

The Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Subsistence Management administers the Partners for Fisheries Monitoring Program (Partners Program). OSM is seeking proposals for the Partners Program that strengthens Alaska Native and rural involvement in federal subsistence management.

The Partners Program is a competitive grant that funds biologists, social scientists, and outreach or educator positions with the intent of increasing the organizations ability to participate in federal subsistence management. The program also supports opportunities for local and rural students to connect with subsistence resource monitoring and management through science camps and paid internships. Applications are encouraged from rural public and private educational organizations, Alaska Native and rural non-profit organizations, and federally recognized tribal governments. The 2020 Notice of Funding Opportunity and other information is available on the U.S. Department of Interior's [Partners for Fisheries Monitoring](#) website.



Federal Emergency Management Agency FY 2018 Grants

APPLICATIONS DUE: **January 31.**

Flood Mitigation Assistance

The **Flood Mitigation Assistance** Program makes federal funds available to state, local, and tribal governments to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the **National Flood Insurance Program**.

FEMA will seek to fund two types of community flood mitigation activities: advance assistance for flood mitigation design and development of community flood mitigation projects, and mitigation projects that address community flood risk for reducing NFIP flood claim payments. The remaining funding, will be used for FMA technical assistance, mitigation planning, and mitigation projects reducing risk to severe repetitive loss and repetitive loss properties. Applicants may submit a maximum of one advanced assistance and one community mitigation project sub-application.

Details on this grants notice are on the [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) website. Applicants must submit applications via the [Mitigation eGrants system on the FEMA Grants Portal](#) website.

Pre-Disaster Mitigation

The **Pre-Disaster Mitigation** program makes federal funds available to state, local, and tribal governments to implement and sustain cost-effective measures designed to reduce the risk to individuals and property from natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on federal funding from future disasters.

FEMA will provide allocations of \$575,000 to states and territories, and a tribal set aside of \$15 million for allocations up to \$575,000 for tribal governments to support overall mitigation planning and projects. The remaining PDM funds will be awarded on a competitive basis with a focus on multi-state/tribal mitigation initiatives.

Applicants may submit a maximum of nine project sub-applications notwithstanding any project(s) submitted for the state/territory allocation or tribal set aside. In addition, any state or tribe willing to serve as the applicant for a multi-state or tribal activity may submit one additional plan or project sub application.

Details about this grants notice are on the [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) website. Applicants must submit applications via the [Mitigation eGrants system on the FEMA Grants Portal](#) website.



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Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grants Program

PROPOSALS DUE: **February 4.**

The U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, Inc. (Endowment) published the 2019 Request for Proposals for the [Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program](#). Up to \$1.2 million is available in 2019 for projects that accelerate strategic protection of healthy freshwater ecosystems, and their watersheds.

Applicants should focus on protection and stewardship of land in the watershed, rather than restoration of degraded habitats, or projects with a strictly water quality improvement outcome. In 2019, priority will be given to proposals that maximize measurable outcomes for watershed protection.



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The Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program is a partnership that includes the Endowment, the EPA Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, and USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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Jeff Lerner • 202-236-1883 • jalanlerner@gmail.com

2019 Environmental Justice Small Grants

PROPOSALS DUE: **February 15.**

The Environmental Justice Small Grants program supports 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. This opportunity will emphasize projects that address emergency preparedness and increase resiliency, as well as projects that include the needs of U.S. military veterans and homeless populations.

EPA anticipates awarding approximately 50 grants of up to \$30,000 for one-year projects (five grants for each of EPA's ten regions). Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, federally recognized tribal governments, and tribal organizations.

Potential applicants are invited to participate in pre-application assistance calls to address questions about the EJSG program and this solicitation. The conference calls can be accessed by dialing **1-866-299-3188** and entering **202-564-6349**. The conference call schedule is as follows:

- **January 16** at 11:00 am Pacific Time.
- **January 23** (*en Español*) at 1:00 Pacific Time.
- **January 31** at 4:00 pm Pacific Time.

For more information about this grant opportunity, check out EPA's [Environmental Justice Small Grants Program](#) website.



Alaska DEC Brownfields Assessments and Cleanup Service

APPLICATIONS DUE: **March 1.**

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation assists Alaskan communities by conducting environmental site assessments, a limited cleanup effort, and characterization/cleanup planning. Using funds from the EPA, DEC will conduct Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup projects (DBAC) at eligible properties in Alaska. A DBAC is intended to help reduce the environmental uncertainties or conditions that hinder the reuse or redevelopment of an eligible property. DBAC objectives are to help clarify whether an environmental problem is limiting a site's use or intended reuse or redevelopment, identify the nature and extent of contamination, provide recommendations and estimate costs for additional assessment, if needed, and when funding is available - conduct cleanup activities designed to enable reuse of a site.

DBAC services are available to public, quasi-public or nonprofit entities such as municipalities, tribal governments, native corporations, and community development organizations interested in redeveloping abandoned or underutilized properties. Details about this funding opportunity are available on the [Alaska DEC Brownfields Assessments and Cleanup Service](#) website.

CONTACT: **Lisa Griswold** • 907-269-2021 • lisa.griswold@alaska.gov

Tribal Clean Diesel Funding FY 2018

APPLICATIONS DUE: **April 3.**

EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting applications 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.

Eligible diesel emission reduction solutions include verified emission control technologies such as exhaust controls, cleaner fuels, and engine upgrades, verified idle reduction technologies, verified aerodynamic technologies and low rolling resistance tires, certified engine replacements, and/or certified vehicle or equipment replacement. 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, agriculture, mining, or energy production.

Eligible entities include tribal governments or intertribal consortia that have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality. The maximum amount of funding requested is \$800,000. EPA anticipates awarding 2-8 cooperative agreements nationally.

An informational webinar about the FY 2018 Tribal DERA RFA will be held on **February 21** at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time. To join, click on the [link to webinar](#) on the Clean Diesel Tribal Grants website, and call 202-991-0477 with access code 414-9804.

For more details, check out EPA's [Tribal Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program FY 2018](#) website. Questions about DERA funding may be directed to cleandiesel@epa.gov.



Training & Scholarships

Training opportunities in this newsletter are either hosted, funded, or sponsored in collaboration with EPA. Any links to websites outside of EPA are provided for additional information that may be useful or interesting to our readers. We cannot attest to the accuracy of these third-party sites, nor does EPA endorse any nongovernment websites, companies or applications



Region 10 IGAP Grant Training Webinars

EPA Region 10 is hosting a series of webinars with the goal of improving grant recipient understanding of grant requirements and common environmental topics. Details will be shared when the specific dates are determined.

Join the webinars on EPA's [Region 10 IGAP Training Adobe Connect](#) website. For audio call 1-866-299-3188 and enter conference code 907-271-5083.

JANUARY 3 at 1:30 p.m. Alaska Time – **Grant Application Tips and Forms**. This webinar will discuss the required application forms for submitting a FY 2020 IGAP application and will include tips for preparing final applications.

JANUARY 10 at 10:00 a.m. Alaska Time – **Tools for IGAP Air Quality Workplan Components**. Do you have air quality issues in your community? Wondering what activities to include in your IGAP work plan to help tackle those issues? Join this webinar to learn about tools that can help you develop air quality components for your tribe's FY 2020 IGAP proposal.

FEBRUARY 7 at 10:00 a.m. Alaska Time – **Grants.Gov Workspace**. This webinar will feature an online demonstration of Grants.gov application submission procedures.

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Region 10 Alaska IGAP Workshop

January 15-18, Anchorage, AK

The EPA Region 10 Tribal Trust and Assistance Unit will host an IGAP Grant Workshop in Anchorage. The workshop will offer a variety of sessions and TTAU staff are exploring opportunities for participants to earn a mentor or student certificate, including college credits.

Registration information will be shared soon.

If you have Alaska IGAP Workshop questions or comments, please contact **Santina Gay** by email at gay.santina@epa.gov.

ITEP Student Summer Internship Program

HOST SITE APPLICATIONS DUE: **January 18.**

The ITEP at Northern Arizona University is seeking intern host sites for their student summer internship program. Tribal environmental offices, EPA offices, and other tribal environmental organizations can apply to host a college student for eight weeks during the months of June, July, and August. The intern will complete a new or ongoing project directly related to air quality, which will benefit the student, agency, and the environment. To apply to host a summer intern, submit an application on [ITEP's Environmental Education Outreach Program](#) website.



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Air Quality Computations

January 29-February 1, Phoenix, AZ

This ITEP course enhances the skills needed to work with air quality measurements. It is designed for tribal environmental personnel who have limited experience in air quality data computations. Brief lectures will be mixed with activities in which participants practice skills and learn to apply the math to air quality work. Each participant will have access to a calculator and/or computer as needed. Applicants will complete a pre-course assignment and there will be homework each evening. Prior completion of ITEP's Introduction to Tribal Air Quality course (or a basic familiarity with air quality topics) is strongly recommended. Details are available on ITEP's [Air Quality Trainings Schedule](#) website.

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Indoor Air Quality Diagnostic Tools



February 12-15, Las Vegas, NV

This level 2 ITEP course will bring together tribal environmental, housing, and health staff to learn how to use diagnostic equipment to assess indoor air quality. After completing this course, participants will be able to use diagnostic equipment and interpret data to assess a home, test for radon, and educate the occupants about a healthy indoor environment. Details are available on ITEP's [Air Quality Trainings Schedule](#) website.

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Designing and Using a Tribal Solid Waste Management Plan

February 26-28, Palm Springs, CA

This ITEP course is designed for tribal staff who are interested in developing a plan or updating an existing solid waste management plan. The course will feature lectures on the five critical elements of a tribal solid waste management plan, small group work focused on developing an outline or making improvements to your plan, and a tour of local tribal solid waste programs.

Individuals selected to attend will have their lodging expenses covered and will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses after the course. More information is available on ITEP's [Waste and Response Trainings](#) website.

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Air Pollution Technology

March 12-15, Flagstaff, AZ

This ITEP course provides an overview of the science of air pollution and techniques of air quality management. This intensive training will include lectures and discussions, laboratory activities and demonstrations, computer and problem-solving exercises, and small-group work. The course is open to tribal air quality personnel who have successfully completed ITEP's *Introduction to Tribal Air Quality* and *Air Quality Computations* courses, or who have sufficient academic training in science, mathematics, or engineering. Attendance will be contingent upon completion of a pre-course module that will be sent with selection materials. This course is required for those who wish to move on to technical level 3 ITEP courses. Details are available on ITEP's [Air Quality Trainings Schedule](#) website.

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Calendar of Events

January

- 3** **Region 10 FY 20 IGAP Grant Application and Tips.** Webinar at 1:30 p.m. Alaska Time
Call 1-866-299-3188, enter code 9072715083 • <http://bit.ly/2BzJi4M>
- 10** **Tools for IGAP Air Quality Workplan Components.** Webinar at 10:00 a.m. Alaska Time
Call 1-866-299-3188, enter code 9072715083 • <http://bit.ly/2BzJi4M>
- 15 – 18** **Region 10 Alaska IGAP Workshop.** Anchorage, AK
CONTACT: **Santina Gay** • 907-271-3413 or gay.santina@epa.gov
- 16** **Environmental Justice Small Grant Program Pre-Application Assistance Call**
11:00 a.m. Pacific Time • Call 1-866-299-3188, enter code **202-564-6349**
- 17** **Region 10 RTOC Conference Call.** 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time • <http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 22** **Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time • <http://www.leonetwork.org>
- 23** **Alaska Revised Water Quality Standards Mixing Zone Rule Tribal Informational Call**
9:30 a.m. Alaska Time • Call **202-991-0477** and enter conference code **8014105**.
- 23** **Environmental Justice Small Grant Program Pre-Application Assistance Call** (*en Español*)
1:00 p.m. Pacific Time • Call 1-866-299-3188, enter code **202-564-6349**
- 29 – Feb. 1** **Air Quality Computations.** Phoenix, AZ
https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air
- 31** **Environmental Justice Small Grant Program Pre-Application Assistance Call.**
4:00 p.m. Pacific Time • Call 1-866-299-3188, enter code **202-564-6349**

February

- 6** **Alaska Revised Water Quality Standards Mixing Zone Rule Tribal Informational Call**
8:30 a.m. Alaska Time • Call 202-991-0477 and enter conference code 8014105
- 7** **Region 10 Grants.Gov Workspace Demonstration.** Webinar at 10:00 a.m. Alaska Time
Call 1-866-299-3188, enter code 9072715083 • <http://bit.ly/2BzJi4M>
- 11 – 15** **Alaska Forum on the Environment.** Anchorage, AK • <http://akforum.org>
- 12 – 15** **Indoor Air Quality Diagnostic Tools.** Las Vegas, NV
https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air
- 19** **Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time • <http://www.leonetwork.org>
- 21** **Region 10 RTOC Conference Call.** 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time • <http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 21** **FY 2018 Tribal Clean Diesel Funding Informational Webinar.** 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time
Call 202-991-0477, enter code 4149804 • <https://meet.lync.com/usepa/swift.faye/6WCB1M71>
- 26 – 28** **Tribal Exchange Network Conference.** San Diego, CA • <http://www.tribalexchangenetwork.org>
- 26 – 28** **Designing and Using a Tribal Solid Waste Management Plan.** Palm Springs, CA
https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste

March

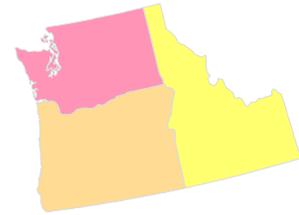
- 4 – 5** **Region 10 RTOC Quarterly Meeting.** Portland, OR • <http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 6 – 8** **Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit.** Portland, OR
<http://region10rtoc.net/tribal-leaders-summit>
- 12 – 15** **Air Pollution Technology.** Flagstaff, AZ •
https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air

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