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Top News

Region 10 Administrator COVID-19 Message to Tribes

Last month, EPA Region 10 Administrator Chris Hladick sent an email message to tribal leaders and tribal environmental staff in Region 10 with information relevant to Region 10 operations and the pandemic. In the message he assured readers that, “Our thoughts are with each of you during these extraordinary and challenging times.”

The message described an emphasis on electronic communications since all EPA Region 10 employees are working remotely due to stay-at-home orders and limitations in sending and receiving postal mail. It also noted several helpful resources available on EPA websites:

- [Frequent Questions about Grants and Coronavirus](#) (COVID-19),
- [Message to Tribal Partners – EPA Enforcement during the COVID-19 Outbreak](#), and
- EPA’s [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) website](#).



Chris Hladick

Administrator Hladick encouraged tribal leaders and staff to reach out to their EPA Region 10 [Tribal Coordinators](#) or other EPA contacts on any matter where the agency can be of assistance. If your tribe needs additional contact information, please call the main Region 10 phone number at 206-553-1200.

EPA Urges Tribes to Support Drinking Water and Wastewater Operations During COVID-19

In April, EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler sent a [letter](#) to the leaders of all federally recognized tribes urging that drinking water and wastewater employees be considered essential workers by tribal authorities when enacting restrictions such as shelter in place orders to curb the spread of Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19).

Supporting water utilities as they work to provide clean water for drinking and handwashing is essential during the COVID-19 pandemic. The EPA’s core charge of protecting human health and the environment includes combating COVID-19 together with our tribal, state, and territorial partners.

EPA released an [Incident Action Checklist for Pandemic Incidents](#) for federal, tribal, and nonprofit organizations to support tribal utilities in preparing, responding, and recovering from pandemics – and hosted a [webinar](#) for tribal utilities responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

For the latest information from the EPA about COVID-19 and water, check out EPA’s [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) website](#).

Guidance for Health and Safety Decisions at Cleanup Sites During COVID-19

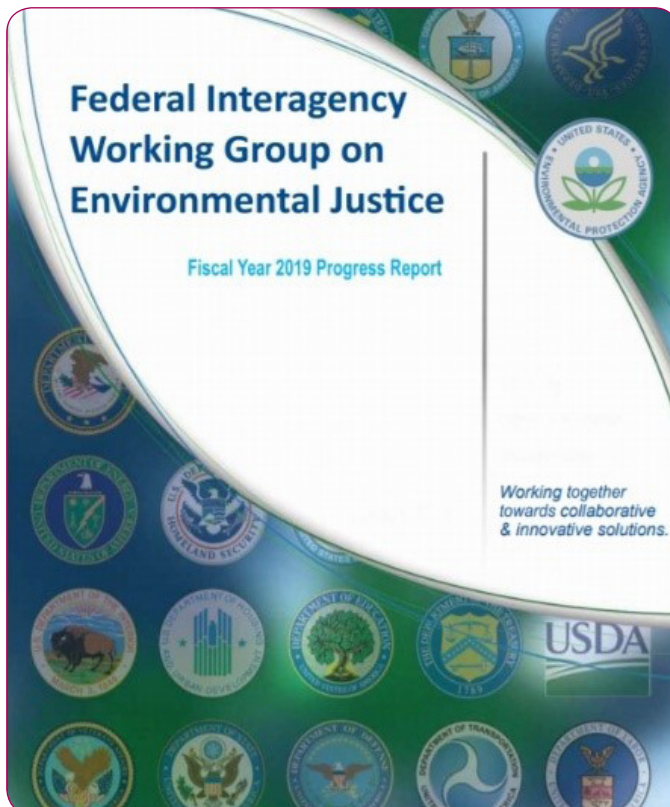
EPA issued interim guidance to the agency's regional offices to ensure that decisions about new or ongoing cleanup activities at sites across the country are made with the health and safety of communities, state and tribal partners, EPA staff, and contractors as the priority. The interim guidance focuses on decision making at emergency response and longer-term cleanups sites where EPA is the lead agency or has direct oversight or responsibility for the cleanup work.

To address the current challenges posed by the COVID-19 situation, EPA is making decisions about continuing, reducing, or pausing on-site activities on a case-by-case basis consistent with protecting the health and safety of the public, as well as maintaining the health and safety of EPA staff and cleanup partners, and maintaining EPA's ability to prevent and respond to environmental emergencies.

This approach also applies to EPA's decision making related to requests from outside parties engaged in cleanup and response sites for extensions or delays in performance (e.g., states, tribes, local governments, other federal agencies, other parties, property owners, etc.). These decisions will be made in accordance with any existing agreements or enforcement instruments.

As appropriate, EPA will update this guidance as the current situation with COVID-19 evolves. More information about the guidance is available in EPA's [news releases](#) and [Interim Guidance on Site Field Work Decisions Due to Impacts of COVID-19](#) websites.

Federal Interagency Working Group on EJ Progress Report



EPA's [FY 2019 Progress Report for the Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice](#) (EJ IWG) is available. The EJ IWG provides a forum for federal agencies to collectively advance environmental justice principles.

The report shows how the EJ IWG committees and subcommittees create important connections designed to help EJ stakeholders and vulnerable communities address EJ concerns.

In FY 2019, the EJ IWG's activities focused on creating and fostering connections among federal agencies and partners to help communities with environmental justice concerns, including those impacted by natural disasters.

To learn more about the EJ IWG, check out EPA's [Federal Interagency Working Group on EJ](#) website.

Air Quality Awareness Week – May 4-8

EPA celebrates Air Quality Awareness Week May 4-8. This year's theme is **Better Air, Better Health!** And in conjunction with EPA's 50th Anniversary commemoration, the agency has declared that the theme for the month of May is **Improving our Nation's Air**.

The goal of Air Quality Awareness Week is to promote events that increase air quality awareness and encourage people to check the [Air Quality Index](#) daily. Resources that you can share in your community will be posted on our [2020 Air Quality Awareness Week](#) website. We plan to focus on the following topics.



Monday: **Wildfires & Smoke.**

Tuesday: **Asthma & Your Health.**

Wednesday: **Where's Your AQI Coming From?**

Thursday: **Air Quality Around the World.**

Friday: **Air Quality Educational Resources for Families and Teachers.**

Virtual activity with instructions: — [Why I Care About Clean Air: Student Engagement Activity](#).

We would love to help spread the word about your air quality educational resources. In support of at-home environmental education during these unprecedented times, please email any resources or links for online activities, videos, or print-at-home materials to **Debra Lee** at lee.debra@epa.gov.

Region 10 NTAA Representatives

The **National Tribal Air Association** is a leading voice for tribal air quality issues, programs, and policies and has nearly 150 principal member tribes. The NTAA Executive Committee provides leadership for air quality issues at the state and national levels. NTAA leads workgroups on Indoor Air Quality, Wood Smoke, and Mobile Sources.

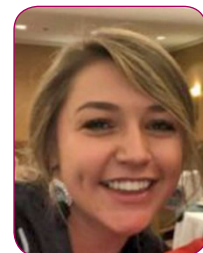


Region 10 has four representatives to the NTAA Executive Committee. Two EC members represent tribes in Alaska, and two represent tribes in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. Contact the representatives for your area with your air quality successes and challenges so that they can represent them at the national level.



Ann Wyatt, environmental director from Klawock Cooperative Association is the primary representative for Alaska tribes. Ann is passionate about finding new ways to help tribes be better informed on how they can live in a healthier environment, at home and in the workplace when it comes to indoor air quality. She is also very concerned about ambient air quality and addressing pollutants that trigger respiratory issues. You can contact **Ann** by phone at 907-755-2265 or send an email to annwyatt@klawocktribe.org.

Maranda Hamme, environmental manager for Craig Tribal Association is the alternate for Alaska tribes. Maranda is eager to learn from tribes across Alaska. She wants to help increase awareness of Alaska's diverse air quality problems and be a part of solutions to those challenges. Contact **Maranda** by phone at 907-826-5125 or email her at marandahamme@hotmail.com.



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Region 10 NTAA Representatives



Carol Kriebs, environmental director for the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho is the primary representative for Washington, Oregon, and Idaho tribes. Carol loves being a part of NTAA — promoting the development, funding, and capacity building of tribal air programs and being an advocate for advancing tribal environmental, cultural, and economic interests in the development of air policy at all levels. She is inspired by how NTAA helps resolve air issues for tribes in all regions. You can reach out to **Carol** by phone at 208-267-3519 or send an email to ckriebs@kootenai.org.

Lucas Bair, air quality program manager for the Spokane Tribe is the alternate representative for Washington, Oregon, and Idaho tribes. Lucas' goal is to make people feel good about themselves and their health, and to help the voices of Region 10 tribes be heard by those that can provide support for them to succeed. You can contact **Lucas** by phone at 509-626-4403 or send him an email to lucas.bair@spokanetribe.com.



To learn more about NTAA, join a workgroup, or become a member tribe check out the [National Tribal Air Association's](#) website, and contact **Andy Bessler** by phone at 928-523-0526 or send an email to andy.bessler@nau.edu.



Idaho, Oregon, Washington News

Quinault Indian Nation's Air Purifier Loan Program

Airborne pollutants such as dust, pollen, pet dander, smoke, and mold spores can create a host of health problems from asthma to respiratory disease, with greater impacts for sensitive populations. The goal of the **Quinault Indian Nation's HEPA Air Purifier Loan Program** is to provide air purifiers to sensitive populations to assist in removing impurities in the air. This program is one way that QIN Air Quality Program can help create clean air spaces for members in their homes and workplaces. EPA supports this program through Clean Air Act Section 105 funding.

The QIN Air Quality Program currently has 13 HEPA filter purifiers (certified ozone free) on loan. The loaner air purifiers were made a priority for certain community members, such as elders and young children, and especially those with respiratory issues.

If a tribal member needs a HEPA air purifier for their family, they can request to have one loaned out by setting up a meeting with Tia Allen, QIN's Air Quality Specialist, to discuss indoor air quality and determine if the air purifier will help their family. Next, QIN staff discuss simple changes in their home that could improve indoor air quality. For example, cleaning pet dander regularly and allowing more air circulation in closed-off spaces. Then the purifiers are loaned out for six months, during which time they are checked by staff to see if a replacement filter is needed. Members then keep the air purifier for another 6 months.

The QIN Air Quality Program hosted a training with Aileen Gagney from Tribal Healthy Homes Network in May 2019, covering the importance of green cleaning and indoor air quality. From this training, QIN Air Quality Program had 20 or so extra [AIR MATTERS Toolkits](#). The participating tribal members receive one of these toolkits.

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Quinault Indian Nation's Air Purifier Loan Program

Participants learn how to use each item in the toolkit, as well as critical changes they can make to improve indoor air quality in their home.

Ten air purifiers are currently on loan to tribal members, and three are placed in QIN's daycares, as well as the Head Start Program. Staff felt that it was a priority to place air purifiers with organizations that have young children, since a high number of children under the age of six get breathing infections.

QIN Air Quality Program has received positive feedback from participants – and you can see why in the difference in the air filters below. The first photo below on the left is a new filter. The middle photo is from a tribal member who lives off-reservation and has no animals, and the photo on the right is from a tribal member who lives in the lower village and has animals. Both filters are from purifiers used in homes for over 4 months.



QIN Air Quality Program is working to increase the number of purifiers to serve more Quinault people. The Quinault Indian Nation has over 3,000 tribal members. The next step is to purchase more air purifiers to reach more people in need, particularly those that are sensitive to poor air quality. QIN's Air Quality Program is working with their tribal clinic staff and continues to provide outreach. To learn more about the loan program, contact **Tia Allen**, Quinault Tribal Member and Quinault Indian Nation's Air Quality Specialist by phone at 360-276-8211 extension 7310, or send an email to Tia.Allen@quinault.org.





Alaska News

Restrictions on Burning Waste in Rural Landfills in Alaska

The Alaska Department of Natural Resources Forestry Division has placed a burn ban in effect for Alaska effective May 1, 2020. In support of this burn ban, the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation’s Solid Waste Program is placing the following [restrictions](#) on burning at landfills, effective May 1, 2020.



1. Burning of solid waste can only be conducted at a Class III landfill in an enclosed burn unit with safeguards to prevent fire or sparks from exiting the unit.
2. Current allowed burning practices that will not be allowed effective May 1, 2020 include:
 - use of semi-enclosed burn units, including burn cages,
 - burning of waste in trenches, and
 - one time burning events, such as clean wood, cardboard, or slash.
3. The open burning of solid waste on the ground is not allowed. Landfills must not allow open burning of waste on the ground.

Class III landfills that have a burn unit that meets the first criteria above should comply with the conditions of their permit, with an emphasis that the landfill operator must light the unit and be present for the entirety of the burn. In addition, operators should comply with [Burning Waste in Class III Landfills Guidance](#).

A variety of different agencies will be working with the State of Alaska Forestry Division to enforce the burn ban, which can carry a fine up to \$25,000. DEC Solid Waste Program staff will work with communities during this burn ban and may consider flexibility regarding this prohibition if the wildfire risk is low, and the solid waste burden is high. If you have questions, please contact your community’s [rural landfill specialist](#).



Call for Art Submissions for ANTHC Tribal Capacity and Development Program

The [Tribal Capacity and Training](#) program at the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium provides climate change adaptation training to tribes across Alaska. The project was originally funded by EPA.

The TCT program is in the process of revising their planning workbook, which guides community planners through assembling a planning team, developing partnerships, integrating local, traditional, and scientific knowledge, identifying and prioritizing adaptation areas, and developing project ideas.

As part of the revision, ANTHC is asking artists across Alaska to share art and photos that relate to three categories: 1. climate change adaptation; 2. healthy air, water, and land; and 3. working together as a community. Art and photos will be displayed throughout the workbook to inspire the next generation of adaptation planners.

Staff in the Tribal Capacity and Training Program will randomly draw a winner from each of the three submission categories. Submissions should include a photo of the art, title of the piece, artist's name, and the category. If you are submitting for someone else, please verify that you have permission to send their information. The submission deadline is **May 15**.

Send submissions by text to 907-538-5089 or by email to ceh@anthc.org.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

The ANTHC Tribal Capacity and Training Program is seeking artwork and photos from around Alaska to feature in our updated Climate Change Adaptation Planning Workbook!

Don't miss your chance to highlight your talents and win fabulous prizes!

1

Create a piece of art for one or more of the categories below:

- Climate Change Adaptation
- Healthy Air, Water, or Land
- Working Together as a Community

2

By **May 15, 2020**, text or email a picture of your art to **907-538-5089** or **ceh@anthc.org**. Include the title of the art piece, artist's name, and the category. If you are submitting for someone else, please verify that you have permission to send their information.

3

We will draw a winner from each category! Winners will be notified by phone or email. Each winner and their art will be featured in a LEO Network and ATCEM Facebook post.

You will be entered into the prize drawing for each piece of art submitted (1 piece of art = 1 entry, 2 pieces of art = 2 entries, etc).

Submit by May 15, 2020!

RTOC



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

May 21 • Conference Call

June 18 • Conference Call

[Submit Meeting Discussion Topics](#)

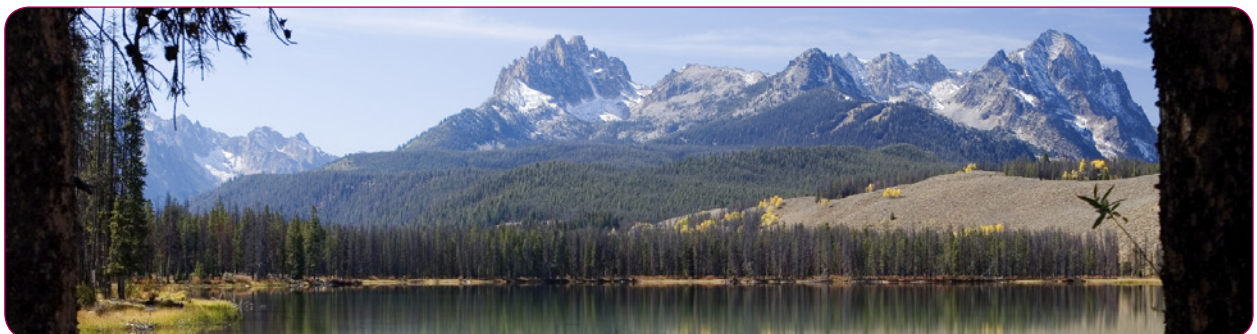
COVID-19 Impacts to Upcoming RTOC Events

The **2020 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit (TELS)** scheduled for September 23-25 in Anchorage, Alaska is **cancelled**. However, the Region 10 RTOC is modifying their work plan to include monthly digital events and other creative endeavors such as training workshops, digital storytelling, podcast creation and high-profile guest speakers for an online TELS lineup. Please stay tuned to RTOC's website and social media for further announcements on these exciting, new developments!

All **in-person RTOC meetings are cancelled** until further notice, however conference calls will continue as scheduled on the third Thursday of each month.

Stay Engaged with RTOC

- [Follow us on Facebook](#) for the most up to date news and opportunities.
- If you wish to attend or add an item to a monthly meeting agenda, 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 RTOC's Administrator, Randi Madison.
- CONTACT: Randi Madison, RTOC Administrator • randi@region10rtoc.net



Tribal Consultation

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

EPA's Clean Water Act Decision on the State of Alaska's 2018 Integrated Water Quality and Monitoring Assessment Report

END DATE: **May 15.**

Tribal consultation is offered to federally recognized tribes in Alaska on an upcoming EPA decision under the **Clean Water Act**, to approve or disapprove the State of Alaska's list of impaired waters. The list of impaired waters is contained in Alaska's [2018 Integrated Water Quality and Monitoring Assessment Report](#) (Integrated Report), submitted to the EPA on March 26. An approval decision would indicate that the EPA concurs with the State of Alaska's water quality assessment and listing of impaired waters. Under a 1992 court order, the EPA must make a decision by June 30, 2020.

Under section 305(b) of the CWA, states, territories, and authorized tribes are required to assess all waters within their jurisdictions to determine if those waters meet applicable water quality standards, create a list of impaired waters that do not meet standards, and update the list every even-numbered year. Further, the CWA section 303(d) requires that these jurisdictions establish priority rankings for waters on the list and develop a **Total Maximum Daily Load** for these waters. A TMDL is the maximum amount of a pollutant a body of water can receive without violating water quality standards. The TMDL also outlines how much of the pollutant load can come from each polluting source. An Integrated Report is the biennial submittal that includes the state's findings on the status of all its assessed waters, a listing of its impaired waters and the causes of impairment, and the status of actions being taken to restore the impaired waters. The Alaska 2018 water quality assessment results can be found on EPA's [How's My Waterway?](#) and [ATTAINS](#) websites.

CONTACT: **Jill Fullagar** • 206-553-2582 • fullagar.jill@epa.gov

Coal Combustion Residuals Federal Permit Program

END DATE: **May 20.**

In February, EPA proposed to establish a federal **Coal Combustion Residuals** permit program for the disposal of CCR in landfills and surface impoundments. CCR include a variety of waste streams, specifically, fly ash, bottom ash, boiler slag, and flue gas desulfurization materials generated from coal-fired electricity utilities — these waste streams are commonly known as coal ash.

The EPA would implement this streamlined permit program directly in Indian country, as it does other Resource Conservation and Recovery Act programs. The EPA will also implement this permitting program in “nonparticipating states.” The Water Infrastructure and Improvements for the Nation Act contains a definition of nonparticipating state, which excludes states that have submitted evidence of a state program for EPA approval, where that approval is granted or is pending. The proposed permit requirements include definitions, compliance deadlines, application requirements, requirements for permit content and duration, and requirements and procedures to modify permits. The agency intends to implement the program electronically to the extent feasible.

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Tribal Consultation: Coal Combustion Residuals Federal Permit Program

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The EPA will host a national [tribal informational webinar](#) to explain the *Proposed Rule for the Disposal of CCR from Electric Utilities: Federal Permit Program* and answer questions on **May 12** at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time.

For more information about the proposed rule and instructions on how to comment, check out EPA's [Proposed Rule for Disposal of Coal Combustion Residuals from Electric Utilities](#) website.

CONTACT: **Stacey Yonce** • 703-308-8476 • yonce.stacey@epa.gov

Guiding Principles for Consulting with Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Corporations

END DATE: **July 13.**

In 2004, Congress directed all federal agencies to consult with corporations established by the **Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act** in 1971 “on the same basis as Indian tribes under Executive Order No. 13175.” EPA has a long history of engaging with ANCSA corporations on matters for which it consults with federally recognized tribes in Alaska and now seeks to formalize this process.

EPA is proposing to consult with ANCSA corporations on any regulatory action that has substantial direct effects on an ANCSA corporation and imposes significant compliance costs. EPA invites you and your designated consultation representative(s) to participate in this process. A *Guiding Principles for Consulting with Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Corporations* (Guiding Principles) document establishes principles relevant to consulting with ANCSA corporations. The Guiding Principles document, and the proposed consultation process is available on the EPA's [Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System](#) website.

CONTACT: **Paige Lieberman** • 202-564-9957 • Lieberman.paige@epa.gov

Grants

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Tribal Wildlife Grants

APPLICATIONS DUE: **May 4.**

The goal of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Tribal Wildlife Grant Program is to provide a competitive funding opportunity for federally recognized tribal governments to develop and implement programs for the benefit of wildlife and their habitat, including species of Native American cultural or traditional importance and species that are not hunted or fished.

Tribal Wildlife Grants are used to provide technical and financial assistance to tribes for the development and implementation of programs that benefit fish and wildlife resources and their habitat. Activities may include, but are not limited to: planning for wildlife and habitat conservation, fish and wildlife conservation and management actions, fish and wildlife related laboratory and field research, natural history studies, habitat mapping, field surveys and population monitoring, habitat preservation, conservation easements, and public education that is relevant to the project. The Service will award grants up to a maximum of \$200,000 for a single project. Details about this opportunity are available on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [Tribal Wildlife Grants](#) website.

Source Reduction Assistance Grants

APPLICATIONS DUE: **May 15.**

Source Reduction Assistance grants fund innovative source reduction approaches (also known as pollution prevention or P2). P2 means reducing or eliminating pollutants from entering any waste stream or otherwise released into the environment prior to recycling, treatment, or disposal. SRA grant projects must use one or more of the following technical assistance methods to carry out source reduction or P2 activities such as research, investigation, experiments, education, training, studies, or demonstration of innovative techniques.

Specifically, EPA requests proposals in alignment with five national emphasis areas:

- Food and Beverage Manufacturing and Processing,
- Chemical Manufacturing and Formulation,
- Automotive Manufacturing and Maintenance,
- Aerospace Product & Parts Manufacturing and Maintenance,
- Metal Manufacturing.

Eligible entities include the 50 states and territories of the U.S., local governments, city or township governments, independent school district governments, state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations (other than institutions of higher education), private institutions of higher education, community-based grassroots organizations, and federally recognized tribes and intertribal consortia.

Region 10 awards may be in the range of \$20,000 - \$120,000 for the two-year funding period. Details are available on EPA's [Source Reduction Assistance Grant Program RFA](#) website.

DOI Science and Technology Projects Related to Coal Mining and Reclamation

APPLICATIONS DUE: **May 25.**

The Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement is requesting applied science proposals for projects that develop and demonstrate improved science and technologies related to the mining of coal and the reclamation of the land after mining. Funded projects will help address important OSMRE issues related to implementation of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act.

Applicants may request funding up to \$200,000. The award will be by cooperative agreement (or as an interagency agreement, if another federal agency is involved). Each cooperative agreement will not to exceed two years from date of award. Eligible entities include institutions of higher education, tribal governments, state governments, nonprofits, for profit organizations other than small businesses, and small businesses. Details are available on [grants.gov](#).



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S**Hazardous Waste Management Grant for Tribes**

APPLICATIONS DUE: **May 28.**

Funds are available for tribes or intertribal consortia for the development and implementation of hazardous waste programs and for building capacity to address hazardous waste management in Indian country. The grant will support projects designed to develop and implement hazardous waste management programs.

Programs must improve the applicant's ability to properly identify, manage, or dispose of hazardous waste. Applicants must have a proactive, viable, and innovative approach for providing technical assistance to other tribes, including how other tribal communities will benefit from the project.



EPA anticipates the award of up to three cooperative agreements whose maximum estimated value shall not exceed \$98,000. The Request for Applications is available on EPA's [FY 2020 Hazardous Waste Management Grant Program for Tribes](#) website.

BLM Threatened and Endangered Species Funding

APPLICATIONS DUE: **June 1.**

The [BLM's Threatened and Endangered Species Program](#) works to conserve and recover federally-listed animal and plant species and their habitats on public lands. The BLM manages habitat for over 300 wildlife, fish, and plant species listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act and 12 species identified as candidates for listing. BLM-managed public lands offer the best opportunity for recovery of many rare or listed plant and animal species because their unique requirements for survival may only occur on federal lands.

This funding opportunity is to work with partner organizations at a national level to assist with the conservation of various species, to include federally listed, candidate, and BLM sensitive species across state boundaries. Conservation includes gaining knowledge about species and their habitats, providing for protection or management of species and their habitats, augmenting species, restoring, and enhancing rare species habitat.

Eligible entities include state and local governments, tribes, institutions of higher education, independent school districts, and nonprofit organizations. BLM anticipates up to five agreements for FY 2020 with the average dollar amount of awards to be between \$1,000,000 to \$50,000. Prior to submitting an application, contact the BLM office to discuss your proposed project to determine if it meets the BLM priorities and criteria. Details are available on [grants.gov](#).

CONTACT: **Amy K. Marshall** • 907-271-2816 • amarshall@blm.gov

Children's Healthy Learning Environments

APPLICATIONS DUE: **June 1.**

EPA is seeking grant applications through the [Children's Healthy Learning Environments Grant Initiative](#) from states, federally recognized tribes, universities, local governments, non-profits, and other groups to support children's environmental health in school and childcare settings. These grants advance children's environmental health by providing education, training, tools and capacity building.

EPA anticipates awarding two grants of approximately \$145,000 each, for up to a two-year period. Grant applications should reflect multi-media and holistic approaches for reducing environmental exposures in schools and childcare settings through capacity building, trainings, and technical assistance. Proposals should also demonstrate a broad reach and collaborative problem-solving with partners. Details are available on the [Children's Healthy Learning Environments Grant Initiative RFA June 2020](#) website.

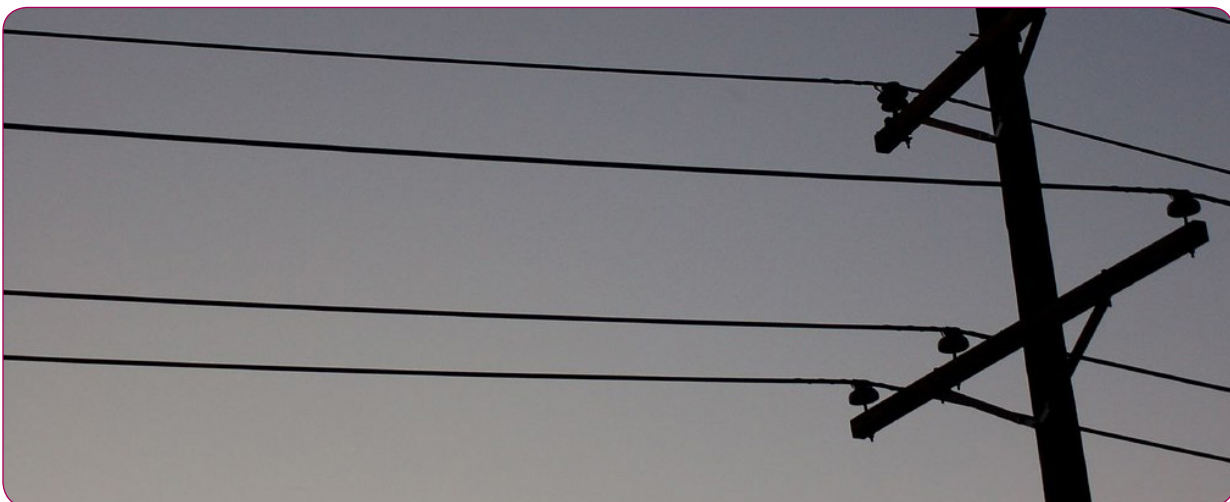
DOE Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands

APPLICATIONS DUE: **July 1.**

The Department of Energy's Office of Indian Energy is soliciting applications from tribes, which include ANCSA regional and village corporations, intertribal organizations, and tribal energy development organizations to:

- Install energy generating systems and energy efficiency measures for tribal buildings (Topic Area 1).
- Deploy community-scale energy generating systems or energy storage on tribal lands (Topic Area 2).
- Install integrated energy systems for autonomous operation (independent of the traditional centralized electric power grid) to power single or multiple essential tribal facilities during emergency situations or for tribal community resilience (Topic Area 3).
- Deploy energy infrastructure and integrated energy systems to electrify tribal buildings (Topic Area 4).

The intended results of the 50% cost-shared projects are to reduce or stabilize energy costs and increase energy security and resiliency for tribes and tribal members. DOE anticipates making approximately 6 to 12 awards for a maximum of \$2,000,000 and minimum of \$50,000. More information about this opportunity is available on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).





Tribal Diesel Emissions Reduction Act Grants

APPLICATIONS DUE: **July 9.**

EPA has announced the availability of \$2 million in **Diesel Emissions Reduction Act** grant funding for tribal applicants. Priority is given to projects that achieve significant reduction in diesel emissions and exposure in areas designated as having poor air quality, and in areas receiving a disproportionate quantity of air pollution from diesel fleets.

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

Eligible entities include tribal governments or intertribal consortiums — including Alaska Native Villages which have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality. Under this grant competition, each applicant may request up to \$800,000 in federal funding. Application materials and eligibility information is available on EPA's [DERA Tribal Grants](#) website.

An [informational webinar](#) will be held on **May 12** at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time. To join by phone call **202-991-0477** and enter participant code **210 7951**



Calendar of Events

May

- 5** **ANTHC IGAP Networking Call.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time
<https://bit.ly/2GRKy4f>
- 12** **Tribal DERA Grants Informational Webinar.** 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time.
Call **202-991-0477** and enter participant code **210 7951**
<https://meet.lync.com/usepa/wilcox.jason/GCLW4C5V>
- 12** **Tribal Informational Webinar: Proposed Federal Coal Combustion Residuals Permit Program.** 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4094061638328275725>
- 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>

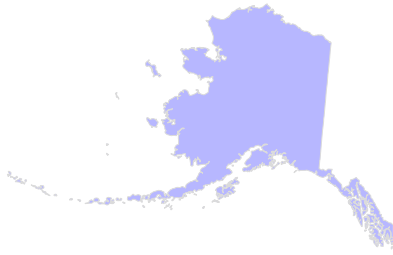
June

- 18** **Region 10 RTOC Conference Call.** 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time
<http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 23** **Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time
<http://www.leonetwork.org>

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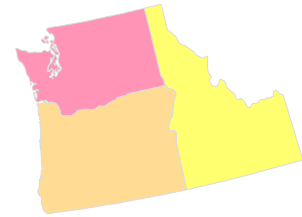
- 7** **ANTHC IGAP Networking Call.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time
<https://bit.ly/2GRKy4f>
- 21** **Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time
<http://www.leonetwork.org>

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In the event of an oil spill, release of hazardous materials, or accident that may lead to an immediate threat to human health or the environment, please call **911**. Then, report it to EPA's **National Response Center** by calling **1-800-424-8802**.

To report a possible environmental violation, submit information online to the EPA at <https://echo.epa.gov/report-environmental-violations>.

