



**National Tribal Air Association**

# **NTAA Weekly Update**

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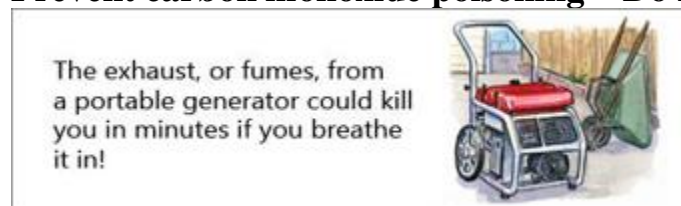
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## TOP STORIES

### EPA Healthy Indoor Air: Hurricane Recovery and Indoor Air Quality

If you or someone you know has been affected by Hurricane Harvey and subsequent flooding, or if you are in a position to provide guidance or support in the recovery and response, keep in mind these important safety rules to help prevent serious illness and fatality.

**Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning—Do not use portable generators indoors.**



One of the most immediate public health threats following any power outage is carbon monoxide poisoning from improper use of portable generators. If you use a portable generator, make sure it is outdoors, far from buildings. Do not use portable generators in your house, garage or other indoor location. Do not use them on balconies or porches, or in tents or carports; those places may be outdoors, but they do not have enough air circulation for safe operation of a generator. Also, keep portable generators away from windows to prevent the fumes from entering the home.

Learn more at [www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq/carbon-monoxides-impact-indoor-air-quality](http://www.epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq/carbon-monoxides-impact-indoor-air-quality).

**Protect yourself—Wear an N-95 mask if you need to enter a moldy home.**



Flooded buildings can become moldy quickly. Exposure to mold can irritate your eyes, skin, nose, throat and lungs, even if you are not allergic to mold.

If you enter a home that has been flooded, wear an N-95 respirator mask to protect yourself from mold and other germs. N-95 respirators can be purchased at hardware stores or online.

Learn more at [www.epa.gov/mold/mold-cleanup-after-floods](http://www.epa.gov/mold/mold-cleanup-after-floods).

## HEADLINES

***Hurricanes Harvey and Irma***

Miami Herald - [Ferocious Irma crosses islands on track aimed at Florida](#)

U.S. EPA - [EPA Prepares for Hurricane Irma](#)

Indian Country Today – [Muscogee, Cherokee and Quapaw Send Teams to Help With Hurricane Harvey](#)

Colorlines – [Hazardous Chemicals Released Into Air Following Hurricane-Related Refinery Accidents in Houston](#)

EPA – [Status of Superfund Sites in Areas Affected by Harvey](#)

EPA – [EPA Response to The AP’s Misleading Story](#)

Colorlines – [A New Study Explains Why Coastal Cities Are at Increased Risk of Flooding](#)

E&E News – [NOAA: Did climate change stall Harvey over Texas?](#)

NPR – [Chemical Plant Fire Raises Environmental Concerns in Wake of Harvey](#)

NY Times – [Harvey’s Toll on Energy Industry Shows a Texas Vulnerability](#)

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

Washington Post - [EPA now requires political aide’s sign-off for agency awards, grant applications](#)

The Weather Channel - [Wildfire Smoke Chokes US West; Ash Covers Oregon Cities](#)

Indianz – [Tribe raises taxes on oil developers as money continues to flow to North Dakota](#)

Indian Country Today – [Water Protector, Tara Houska, Bestowed Good Housekeeping’s Awesome Women of 2017 Award](#)

E&E News – [Air Pollution: Court rebuffs EPA bid to shelve Texas haze plan](#)

E&E News – [EPA: Expected next week Nominations for top lawyer, water chief](#)

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

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

Indianz – [YES! Magazine: Native communities in Alaska are turning to renewable energy](#)

Indian Country Today – [Why Is Climate Change’s 2 Degrees Celsius of Warming Limit so Important?](#)

E&E News – [NASA recruits narwhals to map glacier melt](#)

E&E News – [Biomass: Science advisers could soon end years-long emissions saga](#)

E&E News – [Emissions: E.U. to host talk with Calif., carbon-trading nations](#)

E&E News – [DOE: Grassley praises grid study for treating wind power ‘fairly’](#)

NY Times – [Hot Spots in a Freezing Ocean Offer Lessons in Climate Change](#)

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

Washington Post – [Electric cars are taking off. What’s the problem with an electric pickup truck?](#)

LA Times – [Plan to boost electric-vehicle rebates to \\$3 billion is scrapped in favor of state study](#)

## ***Indoor Air Quality***

Huffington Post – [Something In The Air: What you don’t know can hurt you](#)

OHS Online – [Breathe Easy: Taking a ‘Whole House Solution’ Approach to Indoor Air Quality](#)

Feedstuffs – [Wool insulation aids indoor air quality](#)

Maysville Online – [Health Coalition argues for smoke-free law](#)

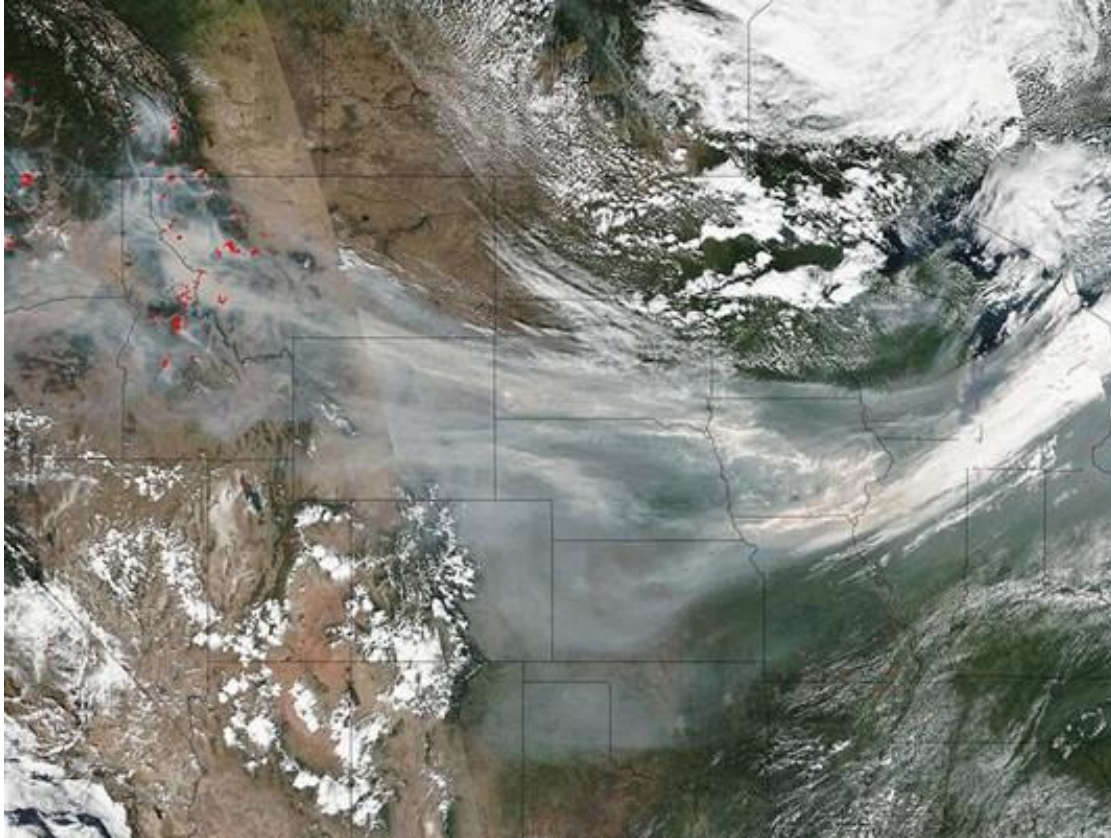
## ***Photo from the field***

E&E News – [Climate: Trump killed Obama carbon reviews, but courts still want them](#)



*Two courts recently ruled on agencies' obligations to measure climate impacts, including in a case over Signal Peak Energy LLC's Bull Mountains Mine No. 1 in Montana. Signal Peak Energy/Facebook*

K5 News – [Western Wildfires Smoke Cross U.S. on Jet Stream](#)



*NASA's Suomi NPP satellite collected this natural-color image using the VIIRS instrument on September 4, 2017. Actively burning areas are outlined in red. NASA image courtesy Jeff Schmaltz LANCE/EOSDIS MODIS Rapid Response Team, GSFC.*

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## **UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS**

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

**NTAA Upcoming Calls.** The toll-free number is 1-800-309-2350. If you do not need to call toll free, or would like to help conserve NTAA funding, you can call 1-805-309-2350. Both numbers use code 928-523-0526#.

Contact [Andy.Bessler@nau.edu](mailto:Andy.Bessler@nau.edu) if you have any questions about any call!

<b>Volkswagen Settlement Work Group:</b> Stay informed about the VW settlement with these monthly calls	Thursday, September 7, 2pm ET
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<b>Indoor Air Quality Work Group:</b> Help set priorities and plan the upcoming Federal listening session.	Tuesday, September 21, 2pm ET
<b>EPA Policy Update Call:</b> Receive updates from EPA	Thursday, September 28, 2pm ET

**Environmental Law Institute’s “Emerging Environmental Issues in Native Communities (Part 1)” webinar on September 19, 2017**

Tribes and Native Villages are demonstrating reinvigorated environmental activism as they face increased pressures on natural resource use. Consequentially, some of the most significant new developments in environmental law are occurring in Indian country. Tribes and Native villages find themselves on the front line of disputes over natural resource management and pollution control in a nation undergoing political, economic, and social transition. Emerging issues include adaptation to climate change, asserting treaty rights over natural resources, and balancing pollution reduction against tribal economic interests. The impacts of these issues extend far beyond Indian country, and potentially globally. Learn more and register at <https://www.eli.org/events/emerging-environmental-issues-native-communities-part-1>

**Chemehuevi Indian Tribe is hosting a Mobile Home Deconstruction Training: A Hands-on training and presentations with deconstruction industry professional & EPA Region 9**

**Sept. 6-7 at the Chemehuevi Indian Reservation, California - 8:30 am to 3 pm at 1985 Palo Verde Drive, Havasu Lake, Ca, 92363**

The Chemehuevi Indian Tribe Environmental Department will continue mobile home deconstruction through the end of September. If you wish to further your deconstruction knowledge after the training please see the contact information for Lex Koscielak below.

To Register for training, contact Lex Koscielak at [ast.dir.epa@cit-nsn.gov](mailto:ast.dir.epa@cit-nsn.gov) or (760) 858-1140/ For additional information contact: Deirdre Nurre, EPA Region 9 Tribal Solid Waste Coordinator, [nurre.deirdre@epa.gov](mailto:nurre.deirdre@epa.gov) or (415) 947-4290

**The University of Arizona’s Tribal Environmental Health Forum will be held October 19-20 in Chandler, AZ**

Purpose: We would like to invite you to a forum to address environmental health issues, to share successful resolution of community issues and to build capacity to respond to long-term and immediate environmental impacts on human health and our environment. This is an open forum for tribal community members, educators, tribal environmental and health professionals, university professionals and students

to explore and create action plans for the important environmental issues that impact the health of tribal communities. Learn more here:

<http://www.tribalforum.arizona.edu/>

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

**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 2017 and 2018 AIAQTP Course Schedule](#)**

Course Title	Dates	Location
<b>2017</b>		
Indoor Air Quality – Level 1	September 26-28	Tulsa, OK
Air Quality & IAQ in Alaska	October 10-13	Nome, AK
IAQ Diagnostic Tools	October 24-27	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Fundamentals of Air Monitoring	December 4-6	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
<b>2018</b>		
Introduction to Air Quality	January 9-12	Flagstaff, AZ
Treatment As State	February 6-8	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Air Quality Computations	February 27- March 2	Phoenix, AZ
IAQ in AK – Level 1	March 13-15	Alaska
Air Pollution Technology	March 20-23	Flagstaff, AZ
GIS for Air Quality	April 17-19	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Air Pollution & Ecosystems	May 15-18	Flagstaff, AZ
Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants	June 5-7	TBD



Quality Assurance (QA) Fundamentals	Open	Online
Building Performance: Improving Energy Efficiency & IAQ	TBD	Online
Radon Fundamentals	Open	Online
Tribal Data Toolbox	TBD	Instructor-led Online
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke	Dates TBD	Hybrid (online and classroom)

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 this course, please contact Patricia Ellsworth, Air Quality Curriculum Coordinator, at [Patricia.Ellsworth@nau.edu](mailto:Patricia.Ellsworth@nau.edu) or phone 928-523-6721. For more information, please visit [ITEP's website](#).

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

### **2017 Southwestern Tribal Climate Change Summit**

The La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians, Institute of Tribal Environmental Professionals, University of San Diego's Climate Education Partners (CEP), and the Climate Science Alliance are collaborating on the *2017 Southwestern Tribal Climate Change Summit*. Registration is now open and please forward to your contacts!

Location: *University of San Diego*

When: *September 19-21, 2017*

Website: [http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Home/swtcc\\_Summit](http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Home/swtcc_Summit)

NOTE:

- ✓ *Southwestern Tribes will receive first preference.*
- ✓ *If you submit a registration form, you must also submit an "Attendee Expectation Form."*

Contact: Contact [Nikki.Cooley@nau.edu](mailto:Nikki.Cooley@nau.edu) with any questions.

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

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

**ITEP's Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Communities:** A Level 1 course for Tribes in the Lower 48

September 26-28, 2017. Tulsa, Oklahoma

**Course Description:** This entry-level course is designed to provide an understanding of common indoor air quality (IAQ) problems in tribal homes and schools. The course includes an overview of indoor air pollutants and their health effects, and tips for solving IAQ problems. There will be hands-on practice with a comprehensive assessment checklist used to identify IAQ problems. This course consists of lectures and a tribal case study, demonstrations, small-group activities, and a building walk-through.

**Topics Include:**

- Indoor air concerns in tribal communities
- Overview of building science
- Mold and its health effects
- IAQ pollutants and cancer
- IAQ and asthma
- Hazardous materials in homes and schools
- Combustion products
- Equipment for assessing IAQ
- Outreach: prevention of IAQ problems
- Collaboration and resources

There is no prerequisite for this course. Preference will be given to tribes who submit applications from TWO different departments: environmental, housing, and/or health. Preference will also be given to applicants who have an indoor air quality task in a grant work plan.

**Please note:** this course is a **pre-requisite** for ITEP's Level 2 course, Indoor Air Quality Diagnostic

Tools for Tribal Professionals.

**Pre-Requisites:** None

**Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors announces National Radon Training Conference to be held on October 2-4, 2017**

CRCPD is pleased to announce that the 27<sup>th</sup> National Radon Training Conference announcement and registration has been posted to the CRCPD website. You may access the 27<sup>th</sup> National Radon Training Conference that includes the agenda, hotel, registration, and transportation information by click this link <http://www.crcpd.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=882978>.

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## **RESOURCES**

## ***Now Hiring!***

### **The USFS and the Wildlife Society are seeking Native American Research Assistantships**

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Premier Partner of The Wildlife Society, is sponsoring a research assistantship program for Native American students. Short-term assistantships are available for Native American students interested in wildlife and forest resources and excited to learn and work with an interdisciplinary team of researchers. Applicants must be a member of an American Indian or Alaska Native tribe, First Nations, or a Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, or have some other indigenous identification, and be currently enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program from an accredited academic institution. A bachelor's or master's degree in wildlife biology, ecology, forestry or other closely related natural resource discipline is preferred. Students with Associates degrees from TCUs or other community colleges will be considered. The deadline application is October 18, 2017. [Follow this link for more information.](#)

### **Western Mining Action Network is hiring an Indigenous Caucus Coordinator**

Application deadline: September 29, 2017

WMAN is a network of Indigenous, conservation, and public interest groups that works to limit the adverse environmental, economic, and social impacts of the mining industry in North America. The Network Indigenous Coordinator is responsible for facilitating Network communications, especially among WMAN's Indigenous Caucus participants and between the Indigenous Caucus and Network as a whole; fundraising for the Indigenous Coordinator Position and Indigenous Caucus; promoting, utilizing and acquiring tools and resources for WMAN's Indigenous participants; and assisting the WMAN Coordinator in Network functions and operations. For more information and to apply, please contact Mary Costello, WMAN Coordinator, [wmancoordinator@outlook.com](mailto:wmancoordinator@outlook.com)

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

### **Oregon Smoke Information**

[This site](#) is an effort by many city, county, tribal, state and federal agencies to coordinate and aggregate information for Oregon communities affected by wildfire smoke.

**Attention Region 9 Tribes:**

**San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians & U.S. EPA Region 9 25th Annual Tribal EPA Conference Conner Byestewa Jr. Award Nomination is open until September 15<sup>th</sup>.**

All nominations must be submitted by September 15th, 2017. Nominations may be submitted via the [conference website](#) or by emailing the completed form to [carolinaj@sanpasqualtribe.org](mailto:carolinaj@sanpasqualtribe.org).

**Indian Health Service is pleased to announce the Zero Suicide Initiative Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcement (NOFO).**

IHS anticipates making a total of 8 awards for \$3.2 million to IHS facilities, Tribes, and tribal or urban Indian organizations to improve the health care system for those at risk for suicide by implementing a comprehensive, culturally-informed, multi-setting approach. Individual award amounts are anticipated to be \$400,000. The deadline for the application submission is October 12, 2017.

For Tribes, Tribal organizations, and UIOs:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/08/21/2017-17599/division-of-behavioral-health-office-of-clinical-and-preventive-services-zero-suicide>

For IHS Federal Facilities:

<https://www.ihs.gov/suicideprevention/zerosuicide/fundingannouncement/>

For any questions, please contact LCDR Sean K. Bennett by phone at: 301-443-0104 or by email at: [sean.bennett@ihs.gov](mailto:sean.bennett@ihs.gov)

**Dust Resources for Rural Alaska**

[Dust Activity Book for Kids](#)

[TV Dust Commercial](#)

[Keep the Dust Down](#)

[Clean Air, Healthy Villages: Road Dust](#)

[Dust Radio Commercial](#)

[Dust Pamphlets](#)

[Dust Fact Sheet](#)

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!](#)

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

## ***Indoor Air Quality***

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## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

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

**EPA: Creating and Maintaining Healthier Environments for Children in U.S. Communities along the U.S.-Mexico Border – Request for Proposals**

**DATES:** The closing date and time for receipt of proposal submissions is FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2017 by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time (ET) in order to be considered for funding.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals for projects that address children's environmental health risks in southern California, Arizona, New Mexico, or Texas communities located within 100 kilometers or 62 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border including but not limited to those that support prenatal environmental health education, healthy childcare education, environmental health youth summits, or pediatric environmental health training.

**Please Note:** Communities who are impacted must be within 62 miles (100 kilometers) of the U.S. side of the U.S.-Mexico border.

**FUNDING/AWARDS:** The total estimated funding for this competitive opportunity is approximately \$200,000. EPA anticipates awarding up to

approximately 5-7 cooperative agreement(s) from this announcement, subject to availability of funds, the quality of proposals received, and other applicable considerations.

[Learn more here.](#)

## **FY 2017 Economic Development Assistance Programs, Department of Commerce**

Full details [here](#)

There are no submission deadlines under this opportunity.

Funding range: \$100,000 to \$3,000,000

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) solicits applications from applicants in rural and urban areas to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs. Grants and cooperative agreements made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities. EDA provides strategic investments on a competitive- merit-basis to support economic development, foster job creation, and attract private investment in economically distressed areas of the United States. There are no submission deadlines under this opportunity. Proposals and applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until the publication of a new Economic Development Assistance Program Federal Funding Opportunity announcement.

### **U.S. EPA Air Grants and Funding:**

EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) announces competitive funding announcements for projects and programs relating to [air quality](#), [transportation](#), [climate change](#), [indoor air](#) and other related topics. [This page](#) provides access to information about current funding opportunities under 'Open Announcements' and also provides as a reference tool, all previously announced funding announcements listed below and in archives under 'Closed Announcements.'

***Climate Change/Energy***

***Toxics/Mobile Sources***

## ***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**

*EPA Rules posted today from the Federal Register for Wednesday, September 6, 2017.*

(Past copies can be accessed [here](#)).

### **Rule**

**Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Approvals and Promulgations: Nevada; Regional Haze Progress Report; Correction**

FR Document: [2017-18769](#) Citation: 82 FR 42040 [PDF](#) Pages 42040-42041 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

**New Hampshire; Rules for Open Burning and Incinerators**

FR Document: [2017-18774](#) Citation: 82 FR 42037 [PDF](#) Pages 42037-42040 (4 pages) [Permalink](#)

### **Proposed Rule**

**Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Approvals and Promulgations: New Hampshire; Rules for Open Burning and Incinerators**

FR Document: [2017-18775](#) Citation: 82 FR 42054 [PDF](#) Page 42054 (1 page) [Permalink](#)

**North Carolina; Open Burning and Miscellaneous Revisions**

FR Document: [2017-18767](#) Citation: 82 FR 42055 [PDF](#) Page 42055 (1 page) [Permalink](#)

### **Notice**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposals, Submissions, and Approvals:**

**Application for Reference and Equivalent Method Determination**

FR Document: [2017-18766](#) Citation: 82 FR 42093 [PDF](#) Pages 42093-42094 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

**Certain New Chemicals:**

**Receipt and Status Information for May 2017**

FR Document: [2017-18779](#) Citation: 82 FR 42088 [PDF](#) Pages 42088-42093 (6 pages) [Permalink](#)

**Meetings:**

**Science Advisory Board Chemical Assessment Advisory Committee**

FR Document: [2017-18764](#) Citation: 82 FR 42095 [PDF](#) Pages 42095-42096 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

**Pesticides:**

**Draft Guidance for Pesticide Registrants on Notifications, Non-Notifications and Minor Formulation Amendments**

FR Document: [2017-18765](#) Citation: 82 FR 42094 [PDF](#) Pages 42094-42095 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

**Proposed CERCLA Administrative Settlement Agreements:**

**RBF Frozen Desserts Superfund Site, West Hartford, CT**

FR Document: [2017-18872](#) Citation: 82 FR 42088 [PDF](#) Page 42088 (1 page) [Permalink](#)

**Receipt of Information:**

**Toxic Substances Control Act**

FR Document: [2017-18759](#) Citation: 82 FR 42087 [PDF](#) Pages 42087-42088 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

**Requests for Nominations:**



**Augmented Science Advisory Committee on Chemicals**

FR Document: [2017-18778](#) Citation: 82 FR 42094 [PDF](#) Page 42094 (*1 page*)  
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