

# Indian Health Service and EPA Interagency Agreement – Healthy Homes

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## IHS and EPA Interagency Agreement

"This interagency agreement (IA) strategically enhances each agency's ability to manage human, financial, and information resources to provide technical and professional assistance to tribal governments.

Work performed through this IA is intended to build capacity for understanding and implementing no- or low-cost solutions that can reduce harmful exposures in homes of tribal members."



### Division of Environmental Health Services

### **5 Focus Areas**



Children's Environment
Prevent illness and injury by reducing risk
factors where children live, learn, and play.



Safe Drinking Water
Prevent waterborne illness and ensure safe drinking water supplies.



Food Safety
Prevent foodborne illness and promote food safety and security.



**Vectorborne and Communicable Diseases**Prevent diseases transmitted by insects, animals, humans, and the environment.



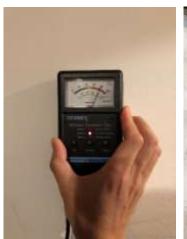
Healthy Homes
Prevent diseases and injuries in homes
caused by unhealthy living conditions.















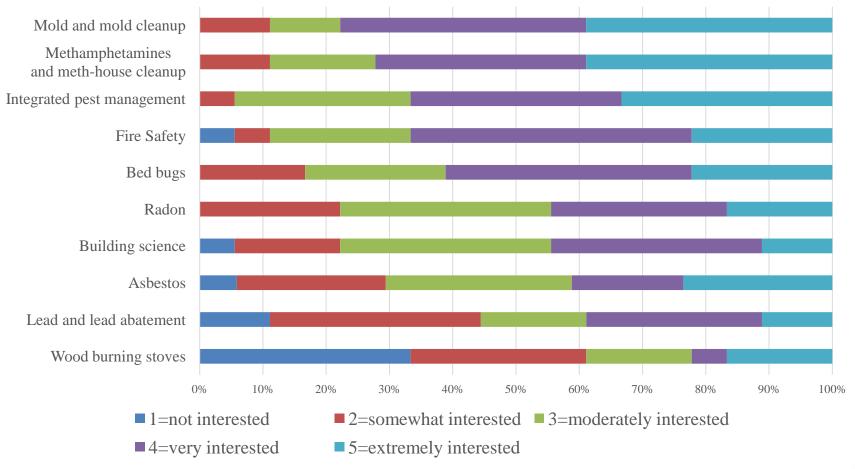
## Scope of Work

#### **Healthy Homes Programs**

- Work with tribal housing and health programs to
  - increase the awareness of available resources and assistance from the healthy homes program
  - to develop a resource manual for tribes to establish a local HH program
  - assist with the development of procedures and protocol for HH assessments
  - provide public education and awareness program for lead issues, IAQ, mold and moisture issues, radon and other environmental hazards and information about the programs and services provided



## Areas of Interest Among Housing Departments



## Scope of Work

#### **Tribal Visits, Consults, and Assessments**

- Assisting tribal housing and environmental programs to...
  - establish assessment programs for HH, asthma, lead, IPM,
     and children's health
  - establish local HH programs providing long-term infrastructure development that addresses staff competency, resident education, evaluation of housing conditions, and effective maintenance programs
  - Serve as a liaison with tribal health departments to send referrals for home assessments based on identified needs



## Scope of Work

### **Tribal and Community Education**

- Assist tribes to
  - hold at least one training a year in each state so tribes maintain currency in all aspects of HH and children's health
  - ensure that IHS and tribes develop the capacity and infrastructure to train others from within their own programs
  - Conduct assessments and provide letters of support for grant funding opportunities



## Lead Testing in Tribal Communities



3Ts for Reducing Lead in Drinking Water in Schools and Child Care Facilities

A Training, Testing, and Taking Action Approach
Revised Manual

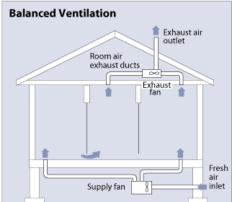


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## What a Healthy Homes program means for you















#### Work Plan for the Future

- I. Identify individuals within tribal programs to attend and complete existing training courses
- II. On-site tool training and co-assessments
- III. Assist with policy development
- IV. Share existing guidance documents
- V. Notify and support for grant funding
- VI. Establish network with tribal clinics to receive referrals
- VII.Provide ongoing technical assistance and guidance



## Available Training Resources

## Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, Northern Arizona University, Grant Funded EPA

- Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Communities (Level 1)
- Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Diagnostic Tools (Level 2)
- Online Course: Tribal Air Quality, Radon, Building Science Review, Climate Change



## Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals

#### ITEP Training: <a href="http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/training/training\_air/">http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/training\_air/</a>

#### Air Quality Trainings Schedule:

We are interested in your input regarding potential upcoming courses. Please use our <u>feedback form</u> to submit your input. Thank you!

<sup>\*\*</sup> Please keep in mind that these dates are subject to change. This schedule reflects the most current date changes.

Dates	Course Name	Location	Registration
Mar 23, 30	Air Quality System (AQS) Database	Online	Registration 1 Registration 2
Apr 7 - 8	PILOT: Addressing Air Quality in Tribal Communities (for Beginners)	Online	Registration
Apr 12 - 16	Wildland Smoke and Community Preparedness	Online	TBA
Apr 21	Woodstoves and Chimney Sweeps	Online	TBA
Apr 26 - 30	Project Planning, Grants, and QAPPs for Alaska	Online	TBA
May 4	Quality Assurance Project Plans in a Nutshell	Online	TBA
TBA	Indoor Air Quality for Lower 48	Online	TBA
On-Line Workshops	Take At Your Own Pace		
Open	Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Cold Climates	Online	<u>Form</u>
TBD	Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Warm Climates	TBA	
Open	Residential Building Science Review	Online	<u>Form</u>
Open	Radon Fundamentals	Online	<u>Form</u>
Open	Quality Assurance (QA) Fundamentals	Online	<u>Form</u>
Open	Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP)	Online	Form
Open	Emissions Inventory Fundamentals	Online	<u>Form</u>
Open	Emissions Inventory Advanced	Online	<u>Form</u>



## IHS Assistance and Your Program

### **Indian Health Service and your Healthy Homes Program**

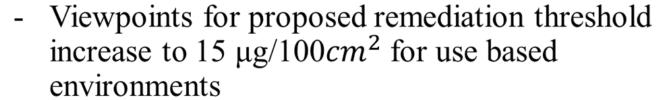
- Available upon request
- conducting assessments
- policy review and development
- staff training
- liaison with tribal health
- support in grant writing

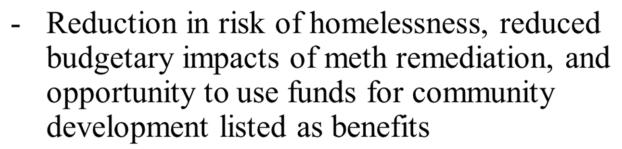


## Updated Methamphetamine Remediation Study

#### **Developed through efforts of:**

Big Water Consulting, National American Indian Housing Council, Salish & Kootenai Housing Authority (SKHA), and Seven Sisters Community Development Group.



















#### Thank You and Contact Information

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