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NTAA’s Mission

‘To advance air quality management, policies and programs, consistent with the needs, interests and unique legal status of American Indian Tribes and Alaskan Natives’

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IAQ Needs Assessment

- Created by NTAA IAQ Workgroup
- Released December 3, 2015
- First national needs assessment of IAQ
- 83 Federally Recognized Tribes Responded
- Closed on March 31, 2016
IAQ Needs Assessment
Assessment Questions

- Housing
  - Type
  - Year Built
  - Funding

- Tribal IAQ
  - Assessments
  - Tools
  - Programs
  - Outreach
  - Importance

- IAQ
  - Foundation
  - Heat
  - Sanitation
  - Capacity

- Coordination
  - Housing
  - Environmental
  - Planning
IAQ Needs Assessment
Key Findings

- Funding
  - Preventing Tribes

- Capacity
  - Not Adequate

- Grants
  - Flexibility to meet requests

- Data
  - National Scope
IAQ Needs Assessment
Key Findings

- Radon
  - Radon Resistant or Vapor Barriers
  - Lack of Mitigation

- Diverse range of unique IAQ concerns
  - Direct Consultation

- Education
  - Congress/Federal Agencies

- Funding Priorities
NTAA IAQ Work Group
Recommendations

- Address urgent concerns
  - Radon

- IAQ priorities
  - Mold
  - asthma/COPD

- Streamline Grants
  - Build Capacity

- Conduct further assessments
  - Include non-residential
Questionnaire will be re-opened soon!!!
NTAA’s IAQ Workgroup has calls every second Thursday of each month. Please join us for our next call scheduled on July 14, 2016 at 2pm ET.

Encourage housing departments to join in with our group together we can all make a difference.