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Owyhee and Elko students take grand prize at county STEM Fair ELKO – Two Owyhee High School seniors exploring the medicinal benefits of native plants and an Elko High School freshman studying the impact of writing on memory took top honors

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NEJAC Virtual Public Meeting: March 29-30, 2023

The National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) will convene a virtual public meeting on Wednesday, March 29, and Thursday, March 30, 2023, and run from approximately 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time each day. The meeting is free and open to all members of the public. Individual registration for this event is REQUIRED. No two individuals can share the same registration link.

Register for the March 29-30, 2023 Virtual Public Meeting

Please make sure you have the latest version of Zoom: <u>https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362233-Upgrade-update-to-the-latest-version</u>

Public Comment Period: Members of the public who wish to participate during the public comment period <u>must register by 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, March 22, 2023</u>. Individuals or groups making remarks during the oral public comment period will be limited to three (3) minutes. Please be prepared to briefly share your comments; including your recommendations on what you want the NEJAC to advise EPA to do. Submitting written comments for the record are strongly encouraged.

The NEJAC is interested in receiving public comments on EPA's water infrastructure technical assistance efforts to ensure communities with environmental justice concerns (particularly for community water systems, decentralized systems, and/or non-existent infrastructure) can obtain technical assistance to address their environmental, public health, affordability and climate resiliency needs, and reduce longstanding and cumulative negative health impacts. Priority to speak during the meeting will be given to public commenters with comments relevant to water infrastructure technical assistance efforts to communities with environmental justice concerns.

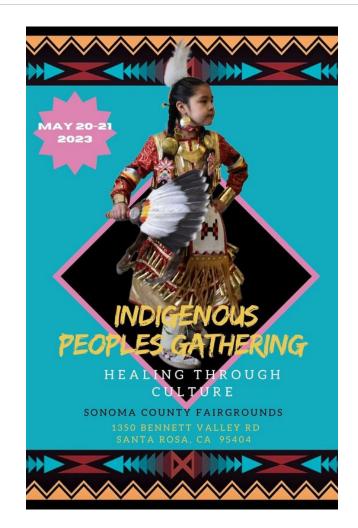
The public can submit written comments in three (3) different ways:

- 1. by using the webform at <u>National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) Public Comment</u> <u>Submission</u>
- 2. by sending comments via email to <u>nejac@epa.gov</u>
- 3. by creating comments in the Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OEJECR-2023-0101 at http://www.regulations.gov, when it opens.

Written comments can be submitted up to two weeks after the meeting closes on April 13, 2023.

Questions: Please contact Paula Flores-Gregg at <u>nejac@epa.gov</u> or by phone 214-665-8123.

Learn more about the NEJAC: <u>https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-advisory-council</u>



Contact info here- indigenouspeoplesgathering@gmail.com Please support the Indigenous Peoples Gathering 2023 on May 20 & 21st at Sonoma County Fairgrounds in Santa Rosa

Carl sagan's thought about books:

"When our genes could not store all the information necessary for survival, we slowly invented them. But then the time came, perhaps ten thousand years ago, when we needed to know more than could conveniently be contained in brains. So we learned to stockpile enormous quantities of information outside our bodies. We are the only species on the planet, so far as we know, to haveinvented a communal memory stored neither in our genes nor in our brains. The warehouse of that memory is called the library. A book is made from a tree. One glance at it and you hear the voice of another person perhaps someone dead for thousands of years. Across the millennia, the author is speaking, clearly and silently, inside your head, directly to you. Writing is perhaps the greatest of human inventions, binding together people, citizens of distant epochs who never knew one another. Books break the shackles of time, proof that humans can work magic." -Carl Sagan, Cosmos

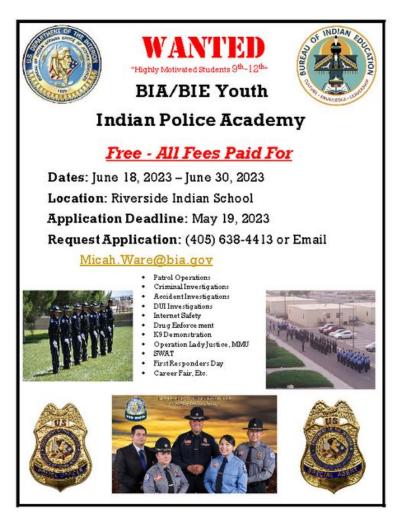


Scholarships (M-W)with April 30 Deadlines

Diana EdgarJenny Cardenas Day, I find that I miss the Boone library and you. Remember when I was dancing around singing, "I'm gonna be a Grandma!"? Seems like it just happened. The boy I was singing about is in college now. I'm starting to feel old.

Montford Point Marine Association Washington, DC 6 Chapter Scholarship	\$2,500	04/30/2023
Moss Adams Scholarship	\$1,000	04/30/2023
Musical Merit Foundation of Greater San Diego Scholarship Awards	Varies	04/30/2023
National Aviation Explorer Scholarships	\$10,000	04/30/2023
NPFDA Scholarship Foundation, Inc.	\$5,000	04/30/2023
NSPE-NH State Scholarship Program	\$1,000	04/30/2023
NTHA Community Forest Resources Scholarship	\$1,500	04/30/2023
OAN Mt. Hood Chapter Award I & II	\$1,000	04/30/2023
Oregon Association of Nurseries Scholarship Program	\$1,500	04/30/2023
PCMA Legacy Society Student Scholarship	\$3,500	04/30/2023
Public Relations Scholarship	\$2,000	04/30/2023
Ralph W. Shrader Graduate Diversity Scholarship	\$3,000	04/30/2023
Richard A. Ash Scholarship	\$5,000	04/30/2023
Right Fit Foundation \$5,000 Local Scholarship	\$5,000	04/30/2023
Robert J. Meyer Organic Farming Scholarship	Varies	04/30/2023
Ruth Lilly Poetry Fellowships	\$25,800	04/30/2023
SAME Seattle Post & PSE&SSF Scholarships	\$3,000	04/30/2023
Scott Richards Memorial Scholarship	\$7,000	04/30/2023
SDC-Harris Education Scholarship	\$1,000	04/30/2023
Sealant, Waterproofing, and Restoration (SWR) Foundation Scholarship	\$5,000	04/30/2023
Shawn Carter Scholarship Foundation	\$2,500	04/30/2023

Single Parent Scholarship	\$1,000	04/30/2023
Society of Professional Journalists Buffalo Chapter Scholarship Fund	Varies	04/30/2023
South Carolina Farm Bureau Foundation Scholarships	\$3,000	04/30/2023
Southeast Desalting Association Scholarship	\$2,500	04/30/2023
Support for Maine Students	\$1,000	04/30/2023
Team See Possibilities (TSP) Scholarship Program	\$5,000	04/30/2023
The Edmund F. Maxwell Foundation	\$20,000	04/30/2023
The Joseph M. Fannell Creative and Performing Arts Scholarship	\$2,000	04/30/2023
The Pat McAfee Foundation Scholarship	\$5,000	04/30/2023
The Robert and Joanne Koch Scholarship for Architecture	\$1,000	04/30/2023
The Rose Bowl Game Keith Jackson Postgraduate Scholarship	\$10,000	04/30/2023
The Royal Brougham Foundation Scholarship	Varies	04/30/2023
The Sagebrush Circuit - Lew & Jo Eklund Educational Scholarship	\$2,000	04/30/2023
The Salem Glen College Assistance Program	\$2,500	04/30/2023
The Sara Scholarship	\$8,000	04/30/2023
Treasure Her Scholarships	\$1,000	04/30/2023
United States Navy Memorial Scholarship	\$5,000	04/30/2023
University of Michigan Penelope W. and E. Roe Stamps Scholarship	Varies	04/30/2023
University of Michigan Sidney J. and Irene Shipman Scholarship	\$30,000	04/30/2023
Utah Music Foundation Scholarships	\$500	04/30/2023
UTM Noyce Scholars Program	\$29,000	04/30/2023
VFW "Sport Clips Help A Hero Scholarship"	\$5,000	04/30/2023
Vince Dooley Scholarship	\$12,000	04/30/2023
WGA Celebrate The West High School Art Competition	\$1,500	04/30/2023
Women In Need Scholarship	\$2,000	04/30/2023
Women in Transition Scholarship	\$16,000	04/30/2023
WPS Technical College Scholarship	\$750	04/30/2023



Calendar

April 3-6, 2023: RES 2023 Summit – Empowering For Generations.

The **2023 Reservation Economic Summit** features Tribal leaders, members of Congress, federal agency representatives, state and local officials, and top CEO's on a national platform. RES **2023** will include plenary programming and panel discussions on timely themes relevant to Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Tribes and enterprises. <u>Register Today!</u>

April 17-19, 2023: 23rd Annual Travois Indian Country Affordable Housing & Economic Development Conference -Washington, DC. Visit <u>travois.com/news-events/annual-conference-information</u>.

May 9-11: 2023 AMERIND Risk/NAHIC Convention & Trade Show – Hawaii SAVE THE DATE: 2023 AMERIND/NAIHC ANNUAL CONVENTION AND TRADESHOW I AMERIND.com

Rare Jurassic-Era Insect Discovered at Arkansas Walmart (Not a greeter)

The species had not been recorded in eastern North America for more than 50 years—and never documented in the state

https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/rare-jurassic-era-insect-discovered-at-arkansaswalmart-180981739/?

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EPA Proposes 'Strongest Ever' Standards for Keeping Coal Plant Pollution Out of U.S. Waterways

https://www.ecowatch.com/epa-coal-plant-pollution-wastewater.html

Town Halls on OMB's Race and Ethnicity Statistical Standards to Hear from the Public

The U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and the Federal Interagency Technical Working Group on Race and Ethnicity Standards (Working Group) is hosting three Town Halls to hear directly from the American public about the initial proposals to revise Statistical Policy Directive No. 15: Standards for Maintaining, Collecting, and Presenting Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity (SPD 15). The first Town Hall will take place on <u>Tuesday, March 14th at 2 pm E.T.</u>

To participate, please follow these instructions on Tuesday, March 14 at 2 pm ET:

- 1. Access the following WebEx link:
 - 1. <u>https://uscensusevents.webex.com/uscensusevents/j.php?</u> <u>MTID=ma2c4fb243cc59ffd29a9cf4c36f38c5a</u>
 - Enter this information *if requested*:
 - 1. WebEx Password: Spd15#1
 - 2. WebEx Number: 2762 421 4713
- 3. Call the Verizon Attendee Line: 1-888-810-9162, Passcode: 6969766

Participants will have <u>2 minutes maximum</u> to provide comments.

Note, the Town Hall is also being simulcast on the <u>U.S. Census Bureau's YouTube channel</u> and on <u>spd15revision.gov</u>. A recording of the Town Hall will be made available on <u>spd15revision.gov</u>.

The initial proposals can be found on January 27's Federal Register Notice <u>Initial Proposals For</u> <u>Updating OMB's Race and Ethnicity Statistical Standards</u>, which closes on April 12, 2023.

Additional Town Halls

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1. Town Hall 2: Friday, March 17 at 2 pm ET

2. Town Hall 3: Saturday, March 18 at 2pm ET

OMB is also hosting a Tribal Consultation on March 16 from 2 pm - 4 pm ET. Tribal leaders were sent a formal letter on February 14 and information is being shared by the National Indian Health Board and the National Congress of American Indians.

Background

OMB maintains government-wide standards for federal race and ethnicity data that ensure our ability to compare information and data across federal agencies, and to understand how well federal programs serve a diverse America.

On June 15, 2022, <u>the Chief Statistician of the United States identified updating the standards</u> <u>as a top priority</u> to ensure that the standards better reflect the diversity of the American people. The Working Group was created to lead this effort and was charged with proposing recommendations for improving the quality and usefulness of federal race and ethnicity data.

On January 26, 2023, <u>OMB released an initial set of recommended revisions</u> proposed by the Working Group to revise OMB's SPD 15, last revised in 1997.

The public is invited to provide feedback through the Federal Register Notice (FRN) on the proposed revisions by April 12, 2023.

The initial proposals include:

- 1. Collecting race and ethnicity information using one combined question.
- 2. Adding "Middle Eastern or North African" (MENA) as a new response category.
- 3. Requiring the collection of detailed race and ethnicity categories by default.

The Working Group is also asking for public comment on how best to revise SPD 15's:

- 1. Terminology, definitions, and question wording.
- 2. Guidance on implementation and adoption of revised standards.
- 3. Guidance on how to collect and report administrative and proxy data.

These recommendations are preliminary, and they do not represent the final positions of OMB or the agencies participating on the Working Group.

Your feedback will help guide the Working Group as they develop their final recommendations to OMB and will also help OMB determine how to revise SPD 15 to improve the quality and usefulness of federal race and ethnicity data.

OMB and the Working Group have set the goal of completing these important revisions by the Summer of 2024.

For more information on the FRN, providing feedback, or OMB's process for revising SPD 15, visit <u>https://spd15revision.gov</u>.

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Native American tribe barricading Wisconsin families in homes has received millions of dollars in govt funds

https://news.yahoo.com/native-american-tribe-barricading-wisconsin-103720918.html

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https://www.npr.org/2023/03/12/1163003146/alaska-drilling-protectionsbiden

A 3 Million-Year-Old Discovery May Rewrite the History of Intelligent Life on Earth

https://www.vice.com/en/article/88x4vv/oldest-oldowan-toolsintelligent-life

Nevada State College in nearby Henderson may officially become Nevada State

University on Jul. 1. The Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents voted 9-4 for the name change on Friday, but the change will have to wait for pending legislation that's been drafted and gaining interest in the state legislature. That legislation would add a second-tier teaching university to state law. (KOLO



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