



MEETING MINUTES

**NTAA STANDING MONTHLY MEETING
May 10th, 2021**

NTAA Executive Committee: Primary and Alternate Representatives in Attendance

Region 1	Bill Thompson	X	Region 6	Craig Kreman	X	Region 9	Wilfred J. Nabahe	X
	Marvin Cling	X						
Region 2	Angela Benedict							
	Steve Smith		Region 7	Billie Toledo	X	Region 10	Carol Kriebs	X
Region 4	Scott Hansen	X		Allison Gienapp	X		Lucas Bair	X
	Tiffany Lozada							
Region 5	Brandy Toft		Region 8	Randy Ashley	X	Alaska	Ann Wyatt	X
	Joy Wiecks			Linda Weeks Reddoor			Maranda Hamme	

EPA Representatives and others		
Pat Childers	OAR	X
Tina Ndoh	OAQPS	
Secody Hubbard	IED	
James Payne	OAQPS	X

NTAA Staff / Fiduciary Representatives	
Andy Bessler	X
Dara Marks Marino	X
Mariah Ashley	X
Ryan Tsingine	X
Mehrdad Khatibi	X

Ex-Officio Members / Others	
Ann Marie Chischilly, ITEP	
Chris Lee TAMS Center	X
Hayden Hardie, TAMS Center	X

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Mark Daniels	X
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X = present on the call

**NTAA EC Standing Monthly Call
Monday, May 10th, 2021
10 am AK / 2 pm ET**

1. NTAA Executive Committee Caucus: EC, Staff, and invited guests for the first hour:

A. Invocation

B. Roll Call of NTAA EC Members and Staff. EC Quorum reached.

C. Approval of Associate/Principle Member Applications

- i. Moms Clean Air Force: Wishes to join NTAA as an organization. Elizabeth Brandt, Moms Field Manager, is the main point of contact. Motion to approve by R9 Representative. Second by R4 Primary Representative.

No Discussion, No Abstentions, No Objections. Motion Carries.

D. Approval of the January and Supplemental NTAA EC Meeting Notes

- i. March EC Meeting Minutes and Summary:

R7 Primary Rep has not had the time to look over. Motion to Approve by R1 Primary Representative. Motion withdrawn.

- ii. April Meeting Minutes and Summary

E. Approval of NTAA Letters to EPA Leadership

- i. Send two Letters; one to Gina McCarthy and the other to Janet McCabe to congratulate them on their new positions. Remind them the importance of consultation. Use the letters as a cover for STAR. The letter to Janet McCabe can also modified to be sent to other EPA leadership. Send out the letters early next week so that it is in their office on or near May 20th, the STAR release date.

Motion to Approve by R5 Primary Rep. Second by R7 Primary Rep. No Discussion. No Abstentions. No Objections. Motion Carries.

F. Update on NTAA EC Status

- i. NTAA Project Director: Alaska and Region 10 EC Representatives have rotated through their terms. The EPA Staff in R10 run the elections. Held calls with EPA Staff and EC Representatives in both Alaska and R10.

G. Discussion of NTAA Proposed Policy Resource Kits and Policy Products

- i. Review of CAAAC Recommendations for Clean Air Act:

NTAA Project Director: Had a call with Gillian Mittelstaedt of the Tribal Healthy Homes Network, EC members, and EPA staff to respond to request of CAAAC members to review recommendations they are giving to EPA on 50th Anniversary of the Clean Air Act (CAA).

There are nine topical areas (attainment, monitoring, mobile sources, air toxics, environmental justice, permitting, climate change, and greenhouse gases, tribal air, and indoor air quality), each has 8-10 pages of recommendations. Not yet out for review beyond CAAAC members. Gillian spoke with the subcommittee. She will provide an excel spreadsheet showing topical areas with a time frame for review each topic. Hopefully we will receive a spreadsheet next week. Looking for specific recommendations on Tribal air topics; need to include consistency about Tribal air throughout topics as well.

- ii. EPA Tribal Consultation: Sent letter last month to ask extension in comment period. An informational webinar is coming up. Will ask Pat Childers for an update on this in the second half of this call.
- iii. California Tribes Task Force for Mercedes Benz Consent Decree and Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP): June 2nd call scheduled to lead task force with California Air Resource Board (CARB) to develop a SEP that can be used by CARB in the future with other defendants of CAA violations. \$110 million; allocations will be approved by CARB. Hoping for a Tribal set aside. Will have an update from CARB on the June 2nd call.

Direction from R9 Primary Rep is that California Tribes will lead the task force; would appreciate EC members on the call as well.

- iv. SAFE-1 and CA Waiver: EPA proposal reconsider the withdrawal for the waiver so they can get the waiver back. Open for comment right now. Will be gearing June 2nd with a sixty-day comment period. So, we can begin a PRK.

Public hearing to be held June 2nd at 9 am ET.

No Objections. No Abstentions. Motion Carries.

Motion to speak at public hearing on June 2nd by R9 Primary Representative.
Seconded by R5 Primary Representative. No Objections. No Abstentions. Motion Carries.

H. Review of Spring Regulatory Agenda:

- i. <https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaMain>

NTAA Project Director: Has not been updated. Still showing Fall 2020. Hoping this summer, we will see rules coming out from EPA.

I. Other Policy Issues EC Members Wish to Address

- i. R5 Primary Rep: More important to keep track of Executive Orders and the rules being rolled back.

NTAA Project Director: And how Environmental Justice is used in rulemaking and funding processes. Such as American Rescue Plan. NTAA submitted a letter making sure tribes are considered in funding allocation.

Methane Rule: Senate used Congressional Review Act to reimplement Obama regulations on methane that were rescinded by Trump administration. Not sure when/how that will be finalized. Focused on regulations for methane leaks.

- ii. Be sure to register for the NTFAQ, May 17 – 21st. You can watch the presentations beforehand or after and then join the discussion.

EPA Representatives and others joined the call at 3:00 pm ET

Joined by: Pat Childers (OAR), Mark Daniels (ITEP), Mehrdad Khatibi (ITEP), Chris Lee (TAMS), Hayden Hardie (EPA TAMS), and James Payne (OAQPS)

2. NTAA/EPA Updates (if needed):

A. NTAA Updates (from first hour of call)

B. EPA Updates

- i. Response regarding American Rescue Plan Funds. Janet McCabe was confirmed. Gives us a great official voice. She will be a big help to us. Things like NTAA asking for the match waiver for DERA to be removed, and boldly saying, “beyond DERA”. Likely will pay big dividends. Suggestions to enter into PPGs.

TAS webinar went well.

Budget: Under the last Administration they were not asked for input. Now, expecting to be players in the decisions. Needs Assessment will come into play. Change in approach. Should find out the official word in about a month.

EJ making a big comeback. Tribal air stayed at the forefront. Want to make sure Tribal does not get confused with EJ, or overshadowed.

Hoping to have Ale Nunez and Tomas Carbonell at NTFAQ, possibly Joe Goffman as well. Opportunity to have conversation of funding, faces, future.

Under PPGs, Tribes are allowed to fund things that are PPG eligible. Could put air or water into a PPG and do SIRG with no match.

- ii. Question from NTAA Project Director about Unified Agenda not being updated: rules from OAR mostly come from OAQPS and OTAQ. Various meetings (policy call, EC call, work groups) seem to be the way EPA is mostly communicating what is going on, figuring out on the go. OAQPS folks that are doing it informally until EPA can figure out a way to do it more formally.

3. NTAA Project Tasks and Updates

A. Upcoming NTAA Events

- i. 2021 NTFAQ:
Next week! Muscogee (Creek) Nation changed their name to Muscogee Nation; changed on NTFAQ banner to reflect.

NTAA Project Director: All presentations are loaded; schedule implemented. Check in calls scheduled this week with moderators.

425 people registered; make sure you are fully registered before next week to access the website and Zoom links.

- ii. NTAA Annual Meeting Agenda:
NTAA Project Director: Will send out a presentation for the meeting. Work group leads will have 5 minutes to overview.
- iii. STAR Release Party:
NTAA Project Director: In addition to the presentation during the annual meeting. In depth presentation of STAR, similar to last year.

B. Update on NTAA Work Plan Tasks

i. TAS outreach:

Created a TAS page on NTAA website. Uploaded webinar, and presentations. Over 100 on webinar. Thank you to R1 Primary Rep, R5 Primary Rep, and Pat Childers for participating.

Next steps: use R1 Primary Rep's application as an example application? Can't send out in mass, but can by request, so contact directly.

Next steps: possibly white paper? R5 Primary Rep - could get link to Quapaw's TAS. Could do peer-to-peer training: lists of Tribes who have done it, have interested Tribes reach out for mentorship or guidance from a Tribal perspective.

Pat Childers: that may be more professional assistance like what TAMS would offer.

NTAA Project Director: possibly set up a call to discuss next steps. Maybe an instructional video of someone talking through the application process.

ii. Baseline Needs Assessment:

NTAA Project Director: Air Matters was selected as contractor. NAU partnerships usually take 30 days. Once the contract is secured, work can begin. First step: call with the EC to answer questions and set up a timeline for moving forward.

iii. EC Update videos:

NTAA Project Director: R2 Primary Rep did the second video. Happy Accidents have been great to work with. R4 Primary and Alternate Rep is set to record next week.

iv. Mobile App:

NTAA Project Director: Had 35 new downloads. Usage is up!

C. Work Group Updates:

- i. IAQ: NTAA Project Director: working on feedback for EPA's Resource Directory for IAQ. Call later this week to figure out how to help work group members provide feedback.
- ii. Wood Smoke: NTAA Project Director: Lucas Bair new work group lead. Continuing to track upcoming wood stove rules. White paper with Bill Droessler will start in June. Johna Boulafentis was invited to join the interagency task force with the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM).

ITEP Assistant Director: Let ITEP know about needs for training. Grant with OAQPS that has a work plan task for assisting with needs around wood stoves or wood smoke issues.

- iii. Mobile Sources: NTAA Project Director: CA waiver and SAFE-1 Proposal, heard from David Dickinson with OTAQ. Also heard from the Green Transportation Expo Summit folks and working with them to receive discount code, also support with the Tribal DERA program but mostly limited to tribes on the west coast. Also heard updates from the VW Program. Official moment of news about DERA match going away. Next call: presentation on “Abandoned vehicles on Tribal lands.” Still building out that agenda for next call.
- iv. Alaska: NTAA Project Director: Ideas been raised about creating an AK specific work group. Right now, ANTHC hosts quarterly air calls for AK, looking for more support. Potentially put on the agenda for next month as a vote.

4. NTAA Staff Updates

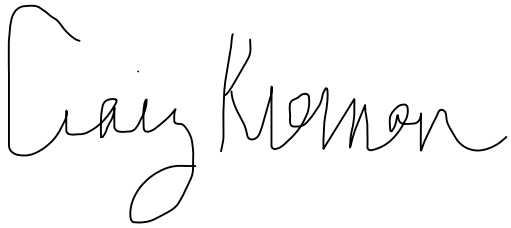
- A. NTAA Staff Updates: NTAA Project Director: Ryan Tsingine part time now, was a student worker, graduated!
- B. Website Updates: None at this time.
- C. Review of NTAA Action Item Matrix: On calendar invite.

5. Regional and Other Updates (*If Needed*)

- A. CAAAC: None
- B. Tribal Air Monitoring Support (TAMS) Center: made some progress last week getting equipment and furniture moved to the new facility. Work in progress!
- C. National Tribal Caucus (NTC): R1 Primary Representative: The last call with NTC, it was noted that someone had said, “You don’t carry much weight because you are a FACA.” That means advisory. That is unacceptable. Trying to diminish sovereignty. Trying to find out why this happened. Be mindful that there are folks out there that are trying to diminish tribes.
- D. ITEP VW Settlement Technical Assistance Program: NTFAQ: you do not need to register for each session, just the conference in general.
- E. National Radon Action Plan: None
- F. AAPCA and NACAA: None

G. Regional Updates: R5 RTOC going from what NTOC is requesting for budgets for the nation - R5 releasing multimedia EPA questionnaire asking how much of funding comes from EPA. Will provide data. Could share with everyone afterwards.

Next scheduled call is June 21, 2021.

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