

## TOP STORIES

On October 14, 2020, [NTAA submitted a letter](#) to the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to comment on the Proposed Consent Decree Between the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the California Air Resources Board and Daimler-Chrysler to Settle Complaint for Civil Penalties and Injunctive Relief for Violations of the Clean Air Act, Civil Action No.: 1:20-cv-2564 (D. D.C). NTAA's comments urge better Tribal consultation by DOJ to provide better mitigation actions as part of the settlement. You can find the [consent decree here](#). California's Air Resources Board has filed a separate consent decree that applies only in California that [can be found here](#).

On October 19, 2020, [NTAA commented](#) on EPA's proposed standards for greenhouse gas emissions for certain new commercial airplanes. The proposed standards would match the standards that were adopted by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in 2017.

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