



**NTAA STANDING MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 19, 2024**

<b>NTAA Executive Committee: Primary and Alternate Representatives in Attendance</b>
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<b>Region 1</b>	<b>Marvin Cling</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Region 5</b>	<b>Brandy Toft</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Region 9</b>	<b>Syndi Smallwood</b>	<b>X</b>
	<b>Josh Paul</b>			<b>Vallen Cook</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Lisa Gover</b>	
<b>Region 2</b>	<b>Angela Benedict</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Region 6</b>	<b>Tara Weston</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Region 10</b>	<b>Lucas Bair</b>	<b>X</b>
	<b>Steve Smith</b>			<b>Kristy Lawson</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Caleb Minthorn</b>	
<b>Region 3</b>	<b>Vacant</b>		<b>Region 7</b>	<b>Billie Toledo</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Alaska</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	
	<b>Vacant</b>			<b>Kurt Lyons</b>		<b>Alaska</b>	<b>Vacant</b>	
<b>Region 4</b>	<b>Amy Smoker</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Region 8</b>	<b>Janice Archuleta</b>	<b>X</b>			
	<b>Tiffany Lozada/Chris Head</b>	<b>X</b>		<b>Randy Ashley</b>			<b>Quorum Reached</b>	<b>X</b>

<b>EPA Representatives and others</b>		
<b>Pat Childers</b>	<b>OAR</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Jason Walker</b>	<b>NTC</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>James Payne</b>	<b>OAQPS</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Hillary Ward</b>	<b>OAQPS</b>	<b>X</b>

<b>NTAA Staff / Fiduciary Representatives</b>	
<b>Laura McKelvey, NTAA</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Mehrdad Khatibi, ITEP</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Program Manager Vacant</b>	
<b>Program Coordinator Vacant</b>	
<b>Davina Whitethorne NTAA</b>	<b>X</b>

*X = present on the call*

### NTAA Action Items Generated During This Call

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DUE DATE
<b>ACTION ITEM 1:</b> Share NTAA budget summary with NTAA EC	ITEP co Director	8/20
<b>ACTION ITEM 2:</b> Laura and Mehrdad will work on finalizing the meeting agenda and invitations to invited participants.	Laura McKelvey & Mehrdad Khatibi	Ongoing and one week prior to meeting dates
<b>ACTION ITEM 3:</b> NTAA staff will work with NTAA Chairwoman and Secretary to review and approve most recent (June, July & August) meeting notes.	NTAA staff, Chairwoman and Secretary	Ongoing
<b>ACTION ITEM 4:</b> Edit flyer for logo contest per feedback from NTAA, and distribute to NTAA listserv	NTAA Staff	As part of September newsletter
<b>ACTION ITEM 5:</b> Send out STAR report to Tribes. Update NTAA website to include the STAR.	NTAA Staff	As part of September Newsletter
<b>ACTION ITEM 6:</b> Continue to work on, finalize and conduct the upcoming webinars.	Laura McKelvey	Ongoing

# NTAA EC Standing Monthly Meeting

August 19, 2024

NTAA Executive Committee Caucus, NTAA Staff and Invited Guests only

Approximately 2 hours

10 am AK, 11 am PT, 12 pm MT, 1 pm CT, 2 pm ET

Session 1. Discussions/Updates with Invited Guests (Maximum 1-hour):

1. National Tribal Caucus Updates – Jason Walker, NTC Representative and Liaison to NTAA
  - No significant updates from NTC
2. EPA/OAR Updates – Pat Childers, Senior Tribal Program Coordinator, OAR
  - EPA preparing to announcement recipients of the CPRG implementation grant soon.
  - AIAQTP cooperative agreement RFA to be announced soon.
  - Working with EPA offices to prepare for NTAA meeting in September.
3. OAQPS Update – Hillary Ward, Manager, Community and Tribal Programs Group (CTPG), OAQPS and James Payne, Community & Tribal Programs Group (CTPG), OAQPS

## Regulatory actions

- [Proposed Consent Decree, Clean Air Act Citizen Suit – July 18<sup>th</sup>, comments to be received by August 26<sup>th</sup>](#)
- [Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources and Emission Guidelines for Existing Sources: Other Solid Waste Incineration Units Revisions to Definitions – July 25<sup>th</sup>; comments must be received on or by September 9<sup>th</sup>.](#)
- [National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants \(NESHAP\) from Hazardous Waste Combustors \(HWC\) July 24<sup>th</sup>; comments due September 9<sup>th</sup>.](#)

## Final Rules

- [Standards of Performance for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources and Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources: Oil and Natural Gas Sector Climate Review: Correction \(Interim Final Rule\) 8/6/24](#)

- [Announcement of the Delegation of Partial Administrative Authority for the Southern Ute Indian Reservation to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for Implementation of the Clean Air Act Federal Minor New Source Review Program in Indian Country and the Indian Country Minor Source Oil and Gas Federal Implementation Plan 8/9/24](#)

## **Other**

- [Notice- Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposed Information Collection Request; Comment Request; Implementation of the 8-Hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone \(Renewal\) 8/15/24](#)
- [Final Action - Findings of Failure To Submit State Implementation Plan Revisions for Nonattainment Areas for the 2010 1- Hour Primary Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard 8/16/24](#)

## **Consultation Opportunities**

- Other Solid Waste Incinerators proposed rule. Consultation offer letters went out to all 574 Federally Recognized Tribes and ANCSA Corporations. Request consultation by 8/30/24.

## **Meetings**

- August 28<sup>th</sup> Office of International and Tribal Affairs is conducting new training on IK for EPA employees. The training provides an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of IK, learn about the new government-wide guidance, and gain insight into implementing the guidance across EPA.

## **Trainings/conferences**

- AirFuse Meeting AirNow is giving a webinar on Tuesday, August 20th, 2024, at 4 p.m. Eastern for an overview and update on the new innovative data fusion product that is operational in [AirNow-Tech](#) (AirFuse). This presentation will highlight the collaborative work that EPA, NOAA, and NASA have been doing to bring multiple data sources together (monitors, sensors, models, and satellites) into AirNow for future AQI reporting consideration. AirFuse has been operational in AirNow-Tech since the Spring, and we would like to engage the AirNow community about AirFuse as well as get your feedback (flyer and meeting info sent to TAMS/NTAA).

## Session 2. Executive Committee Caucus:

1. Open EC Caucus

2. Invocation
3. Roll Call of NTAA EC Members and Staff
4. Approval of Meeting Agenda  
Region 1 primary put forth a motion to approve the meeting agenda; seconded by Region 6 primary. Call for questions, none. No abstentions, no dissensions. Motion passes.
5. NTAA Staffing update
  - a. NTAA Program Manager announcement closed 8/12. ITEP received 6 applications. Four will be interviewed in the next two weeks.
  - b. NTAA Program Coordinator announcement is out. Deadline for applications is September 9th.
6. NTAA Budget Summary Report and Work Plan/Budget
  - a. It is projected that at the end of year 2 NTAA will have a carry-over of approximately \$115,000 or more given current staffing levels and vacancies. The in-person meeting in September discussions of the carry-over will be needed.
  - b. NTAA Year 3 workplan is due to EPA by September 1. Mehrdad is working on the draft and will share with NTAA.  
  
**Action: Mehrdad will provide the NTAA EC with a copy of the NTAA budget summary via email following today's meeting.**
7. NTAA Project with Dr. Kyle Whyte
  - a. The email vote was completed.
  - b. Region 1 primary put forth a motion to approve supporting the research proposal; seconded by Region 2 primary. The motion passed August 12.
  - c. There will be a working session at the in-person meeting in September with Dr. Whyte.

8. NTAA EC in-person meeting September 23-27, 2024 Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

- a. 9 EC members are currently confirmed to attend.
- b. Please send Laura and Mehrdad your travel plans and contact information for the Travel worksheet.

**Action: Laura and Mehrdad will work on finalizing the meeting agenda and invitations to invited participants.**

9. SOP approval for EC Meeting Minutes, EC Travel, and PRKs

- a. Region 8 primary put forth a motion to approve the SOPs; seconded by Region 5 primary. Call for questions, none. No abstentions, no dissentions. Motion passes.

10. Past Minutes

- a. The EC discussed the best approach to addressing the old minutes.
- b. The EC was more concerned with getting the most recent minutes completed but did not have a strong preference.
- c. NTAA Staff are working on getting the past minutes completed for review.

**Action: NTAA staff will work with NTAA Chairwoman and Secretary to review and approve most recent (June, July & August) meeting notes.**

11. September 9, 2024 NTAA Executive Committee Meeting Date Change

- a. There was discussion about the conflict with the September EC meeting and the ITEP climate conference. Due to the conflict the group discussed canceling the EC meeting on September 9 because of the In-person meeting later in September.
- b. Region 5 primary put forth a motion to cancel the meeting; seconded by Region 2 primary. Call for questions, none. No abstentions, no dissentions. Motion passes.

12. Posting Minutes, Summaries and Recordings on the Website

- a. There was discussion of the updates made to the NTAA website. All information is currently up to date. Discussion of whether

additional information such minutes from Air Policy Calls, NTAA workgroups etc. should be added to the website. Various representatives had questions and weighed in on the need for such work. Ultimately it was decided that this was not necessary at this time.

- b. Since NTAA is short staffed, it was agreed that the website would be updated with PRKs, and at least online webinar recordings.

### 13. NTAA logo contest.

- a. The EC discussed the flyer announcing the logo contest.
- b. There were discussions on changing the due dates to provide more time for the participants to create the logo.
- c. There was discussion to add a deadline to provide an “intent” to participate.
- d. There was a discussion about adding a link to the website for background for the participant
- e. The goal is to provide the compiled entry to the EC in November and select a winner in November/December so the logo can be used in the “new year, new logo”.

**Action: Edit flyer for logo contest per feedback from NTAA, and distribute to NTAA listserv.**

### 14. Newsletter

Discussion about the new format and frequency of the NTAA monthly newsletter. NTAA was asked to provide any articles and announcement with current NTAA staff for the September newsletter before the end of August. The September edition of the newsletter will go out for review by September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### 15. New member Tribe

- a. Review and discussion of Yaamava’ San Manuel Band of Mission Indians principal membership application.
  - i. Region 2 primary put forth a motion to approve Yaamava’ San Manuel Band of Mission Indians’ principal membership application; seconded by Region 8 primary. Call for

questions, none. No abstentions, no dissensions. Motion passes.

- b. Associate member applicant for Gem Moon Montes was not discussed. Awaiting additional information from applicant.

16. 2023 STAR report

- a. The 2023 STAR report is complete, a Power point and information sheet are available for outreach on the STAR.
- b. Region 8 primary put forth a motion to approve the 2023 STAR report; seconded by Region 6 primary. Call for questions, none. No abstentions, no discussions. Motion passes.

**Action: Send out STAR report to Tribes as part of the NTAA September newsletter. Update NTAA website to include the STAR.**

17. PRK Projects

- a. Laura McKelvey updated the EC on the status of the PRKs.

18. Webinars

Discussion of upcoming NTAA webinars

- A. Oil and Gas September 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm pst
- B. PFAS October 4<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm pst

**Action: Continue to work on, finalize and conduct the upcoming webinars.**

19. Website Review

Short discussion of updates to NTAA website.

20. Additional Items (must be added before approval of the agenda)

- a. NA

21. Closed Session (if needed)

- a. NA

22. Close Executive Committee Meeting