



**NTAA EC In Peron MEETING MINUTES
September 26, 2024**

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

EPA Representatives and others		
Pat Childers	OAR	
Jason Walker	NTC	
James Payne	OAQPS	
Hillary Ward	OAQPS	

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

X = present on the call

NTAA Action Items Generated During This Call

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DUE DATE
ACTION ITEM 1: PAC Research and develop 6PPDQ asap	Laura McKelvey	ASAP
ACTION ITEM 2: Mehrdad will look into finding some technical assistance with NTAA FY27 Budget Recommendation. Someone with a good understanding of the federal budget process, and EPA’s CAA program budget.	Mehrdad Khatibi	ASAP
ACTION ITEM 3: Develop NTC Priority Briefing Paper	Laura McKelvey	October 15, 2024

NTAA EC Standing Monthly Meeting

September 26, 2024

NTAA Executive Committee Caucus, NTAA Staff and Invited Guests only

9:00am – 9:45am: Tour of Leech Lake Tribal College

9:50am – 10:35am: EPA Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (OEJECR) Briefing with NTAA Executive Committee

Invited guests: Theresa Segovia, Assistant Administrator/ Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Jacob Burney, Director, Grants Management Division of the Office of Community Support, Deeohn Ferris, Director, Office of Partnerships, Policy and Program Development, Karen Martin, Director, Partnerships and Collaboration Division, Andy Bessler, Tribal Stakeholder Coalition Coordinator, Partnerships and Collaboration Division, Pat Childers, OAR Senior Advisor, Tribal Program Management

Justin Dula – Director, Community Support, Daniel Heffernan – Acting DAA for Program Operations, Abby Cruz – EPA Staff Lead for White House

Topics include:

- a. OEJECR Introductions and Updates

- (see slide deck for updated titles)
- b. Update on Justice 40
 - EJScreen
 - CJEST
- c. TCTAC Concerns
 - Regional issues
 - NHIB – new staff
 - No correspondence from TCTACs
- d. How do Tribes get access to the funding organizations for the EJ Thriving Communities Grantmakers Program?
 - What are the criteria for the grants?
 - Cap \$350,000
 - Will there be a Tribal Set-aside?
 - No, this needs to be added to the solicitation now not after it comes out.

10:45am – 12:00pm: NTAA Executive Committee Tribal Caucus Continued

1. Discussion on Roles and Responsibilities
Discussion deferred
2. Website review and outreach discussion (**complete**)
 - Interactive map of member tribes, Rep should be there for each member Tribe
 - Need to add all videos to the 2024 NTFAQ
 - Add Webinar recordings
 - Update the PRK sections
 - Historical Information – where did the Resolution go?
3. Rollover funding discussion – action item from Monday
 - Professionally developed Videos: 25th anniversary, short videos (about NTAA)
 - Tabletop and outreach material with new logo
 - Contracted out website redesign and maintenance
 - Alaska meeting and partner with providers conference including
 - Outreach – infographic and poster with conference stands
 - Special meeting and discussion for transition team
 - Salary increases for appropriate staff? (as cola increases), more support for college interns,

- Hire outreach coordinator – for social media, sit at booth
4. NTAA priorities for 2025
 - a. Resources available for Year 3 NTAA activities (Tribal Caucus)
 - **Action Item: PAC Research and develop 6PPDQ asap**
 5. FY27 Budget recommendations for EPA
 - **Action Item: Mehrdad will look into finding some technical assistance with NTAA FY27 Budget Recommendation. Someone with a good understanding of the federal budget process, and EPA’s CAA program budget.**

12:00pm – 1:15pm: Lunch (Provided by Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe)

1:15pm – 4:00pm: NTAA Executive Committee Tribal Caucus Continued

6. Upcoming NTC Meeting with NTAA
 - a. October 15th and either October 30th or 31st
 - b. NTC Request for 1 pg. Briefing Paper – STAR PPT

Action Item: Develop NTC Priority Briefing Paper

 - Top Priorities – update document
 - Ongoing Initiatives – Infographic!!
 - PFAS
 - Webinars
 - Regulatory Reviews aka PRKs
 - New EPA activities and programs
 - Outreach to Tribes
 - Policy calls
 - Newsletter
 - Social media
 - Up to date website
 - State of the air report (STAR)
 - Support Needed From EPA
 - Reduce barriers to Tribes (EO14112)
 - Improved EPA understanding of Tribal Sovereignty and cultures
 - Help Tribes understand resources available to Tribes for Technical Support (e.g., permit reviews, reporting violations, implementing programs)

- Actionable Ways NTC Can Aid in Advancing NTAA's Objectives
 - Develop clear and consistent timeline for TPG interaction and information request needs.
 - Recognize NTAA EC are volunteer and so coordination should be efficient and effective

7. Webinar Updates and Requests (**complete**)

- October 3rd PFAS, 1:00pm pst
- October 23rd Designations, 1:00pm pst
- TBD Laura will set-up Webinar for Looper Bright – Chevron Decision

8. PRK Updates (**complete**)

- Bill Auberle: PFAS Destruction and Guidance – NTAA Comment Letter
- Pending Strategy Natural Gas Turbines – NTAA Comment Letter date to be determined, may be determined

9. Review Action Items from the Meeting

4:00pm:

Close Meeting