



# **NATIONAL TRIBAL AIR ASSOCIATION**

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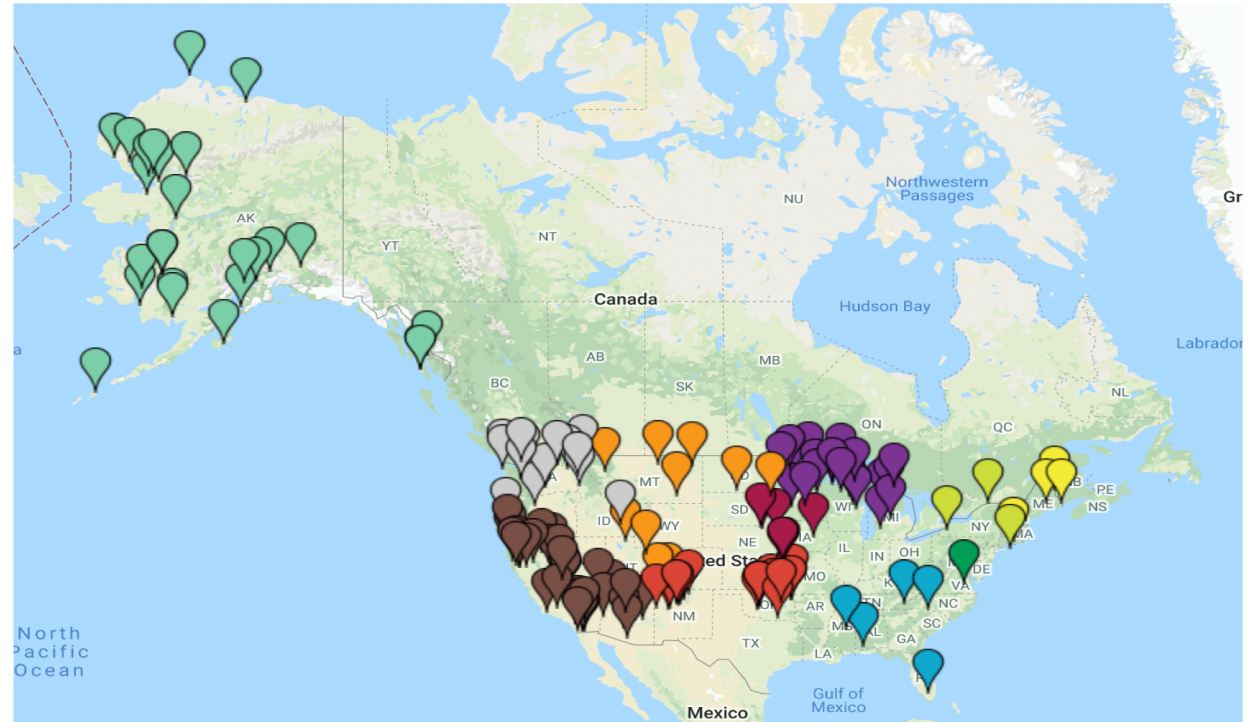
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## **Today's Breakout Agenda:**

- 1. Welcome and Invocation by Kelly Schott**
- 2. NTAA Opening Remarks**
- 3. Feedback from Tribal Leaders, 10 minutes @ 2 minutes each**
- 4. Feedback from Tribal Members and Tribal Representatives, 10 min @ 1 min each**
- 5. Feedback from NGO's and others, Remaining Time @ 1 minute each**

*The mission of the NTAA is to advance air quality management policies and programs, consistent with the needs, interests, and unique legal status of American Indian Tribes and Alaska Natives.*

## What is NTAA?



- NTAA is funded through a grant from the EPA Office of Air and Radiation (OAR).
- Largest membership-based national associations that partners with 153 Federally Recognized Tribes
- Governed by an Executive Committee that includes two representatives from each EPA region and Alaska.



# Who is NTAA?

- NTAA is governed by the EC and supported by 3 staff members from the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)
- NTAA Executive Committee
- NTAA's Policy Advisory Committee enhances and strengthens NTAA's air quality policy support by crafting air policy and climate change policy recommendations for Tribal governments and providing policy advice to the NTAA EC



*From left to right: NTAA EC, May 2019, during the NTFAQ in Pechanga, California. NTAA Staff; Mariah, Ryan, (Sadie) and Andy. NTAA PAC Members at the 2016 NTFAQ*



# NTAA Executive Committee:

Region 1	In Memory of Bill Thompson, <i>Penobscot Nation</i>	Marvin Cling, <i>Passamaquoddy Tribe</i>
Region 2	Angela Benedict, <i>Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe</i>	Steven Smith, <i>Shinnecock Nation</i>
Region 4	Scott Hansen, <i>Catawba Indian Nation</i>	Tiffany Lozada, <i>Poarch Band of Creek Indians</i>
Region 5	Brandy Toft, <i>NTAA Vice Chair, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe</i>	
Region 6	Craig Kreman, <i>NTAA Treasurer, Quapaw Nation</i>	Maxine Paul, <i>Pueblo of Santa Ana</i>
Region 7	Billie Toledo, <i>Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation</i>	Kelly Schott, <i>Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa</i>
Region 8	Randy Ashley, <i>Confederated Salish &amp; Kootenai Tribes</i>	Janice Archuleta, <i>Ute Mountain Ute Tribe</i>
Region 9	Syndi Smallwood, <i>Jamul Indian Village of California</i>	Leonard Bruce, <i>Gila River Indian Community</i>
Region 10	Carol Kriebs, <i>NTAA Chairwoman, Kootenai Tribe of Idaho</i>	Lucas Bair, <i>Spokane Tribe</i>
Alaska	Rose Kalistook, <i>Orutsararmiut Native Council</i>	Shannon Isaacs, <i>Craig Tribal Association</i>

# NTAA Partners



- Tribes are critical partners with federal, state and local air agencies to advance air quality and to mitigate climate change
- NTAA seeks to build partnerships to advance clean air and mitigate climate change throughout Indian Country and Alaska

# What is NTAA working on?

We invite you to participate in a baseline needs assessment of your Tribal air quality needs, issues and priorities

The information you provide will enable NTAA to comprehensively describe Tribal ambient and indoor air quality needs

The deadline now extended to Friday, December 31st at 5:00pm PST  
Follow the link below for more info!

MORE INFO

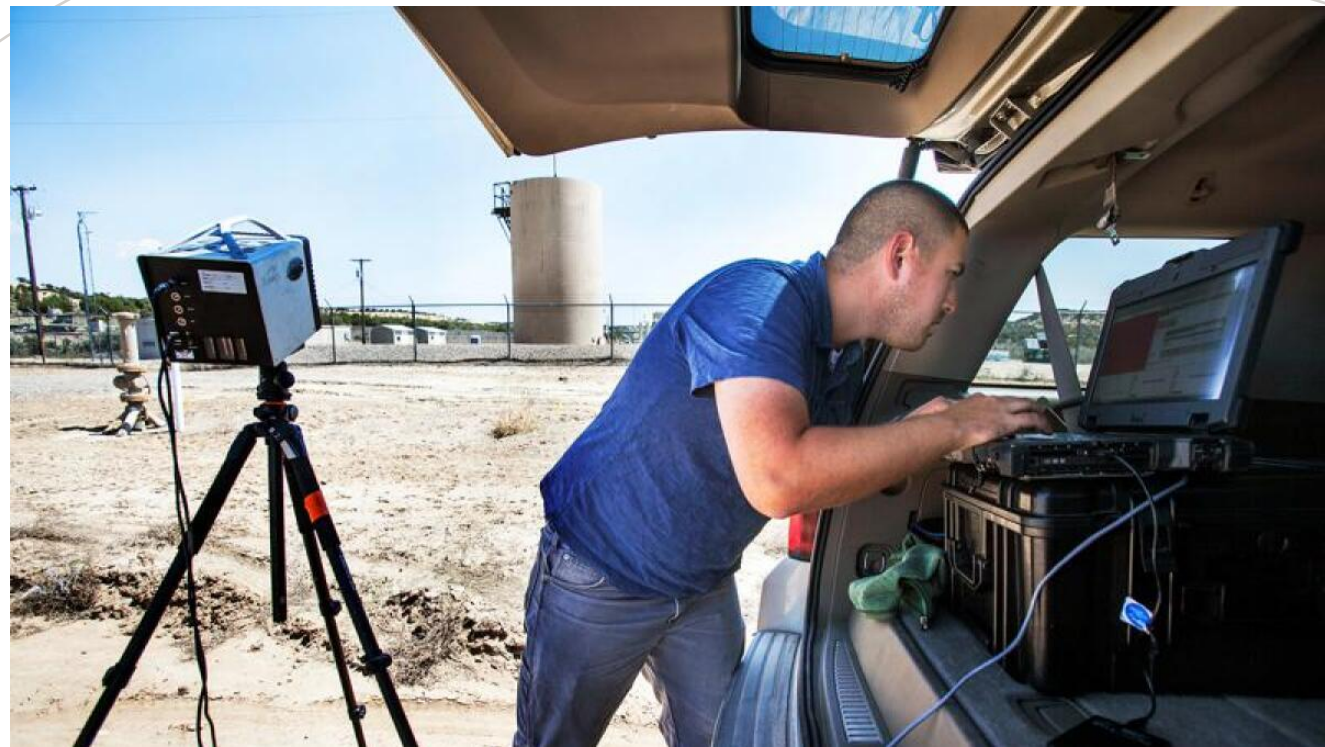
- NTAA's Baseline Needs Assessment:
  - Deadline Extended to Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>!
- NTAA just recently released a new Policy Resource Kit for CA Tribes to help access CARB's Supplemental Environmental Program (SEP)
- NTAA comments on EPA Strategic Plan and draft modeling guidance for ozone and PM monitoring.





Andrew Thorpe, with NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, powers up a thermal camera imaging system in 2016 next to a storage tank at a natural-gas facility near Aztec. Researchers were in the Four Corners working on a collaborative study to reveal the cause of the methane concentration over the area. (Shaun Stanley/PBS NewsHour file)

## What is NTAA doing on the Methane Rule?



- NTAA Policy Resource Kit for Tribes:
  - Fact Sheet
  - Template Letter
  - Informational Webinar
  - NTAA Comment Letter
  - NTAA submitted pre-proposal comments
  - How do you think NTAA can also help Tribes?

# NTAA Initial Impressions

- Tribal communities are harmed by climate change, VOCs/ozone, and hazardous air pollutants from oil and natural gas sources.
- It's important that EPA finalize strong controls for new and *existing* sources as soon as possible.

# NTAA Initial Impressions

- Under this proposal, most existing sources in Indian Country will remain unregulated.
  - Consider co-proposing a federal plan for Indian Country.
- EPA has not performed an assessment of Tribal impacts; conducted baseline environmental justice analysis instead.
  - EJ concerns may apply to Tribal communities but is not sufficient.
- EPA should provide additional resources for Tribes to take on programs.



# Call for Tribal Feedback

**Call for Feedback from Tribal Elected Officials**  
– 10 minutes for 2 minutes each

**Call for Feedback from Tribal Members and Tribal Representatives** – 10 minutes for 1 minute each

**Call for Feedback from NGO's and others –**  
- Remaining time for 1 minute each

# Ground Rules

- Raise your "hand" to provide feedback and unmute your line.
- Please introduce yourself before providing your brief feedback.
- Longer comments/questions can also be typed via chat.
- NTAA leadership is seeking specific policy points to consider in NTAA's comments and will be taking notes on this feedback.

Feedback/Comments/Questions?





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