



**NTAA EC In-Person MEETING MINUTES
September 24, 2024**

NTAA Executive Committee: Primary and Alternate Representatives in Attendance
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Region 1	Marvin Cling		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	X
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: NTAA EC to discuss and consider if a roundtable with Tribes for information and input is needed on EO 14112.	NTAA EC	Next EC meeting
ACTION ITEM 2: Develop a proposal for roll over funding	Laura McKelvey	Completed
ACTION ITEM 3: Initiate the STAR workgroup	NTAA Staff	10/31/2024
ACTION ITEM 4: Propose a PFAS workgroup and get feedback from NTAA member Tribes	Chairwoman and Laura McKelvey	November via the listserv
ACTION ITEM 5: Follow up with Thomas and Ale to discuss on-going issues with OAQPS	Chairwoman and/or Project Manager Work with Pat Childers	Pat Childers is waiting on response from EC Officers
ACTION ITEM 6: Develop a one pager and PowerPoint for the upcoming meetings with the NTC	Laura McKelvey	10/15/2024
ACTION ITEP 7: ALA will follow-up with NTAA on their Supplemental Air Report. NTAA may want to consider using satellite data for 2024 STAR	NTAA Staff	Not determined
ACTION ITEM 8: Set up a follow up meeting with Miles on budget planning	ITEP Co-Director	Completed
ACTION ITEM 9: Develop Transition Plan for new Administration	NTAA Program Manager and EC	After the election
ACTION ITEM 10: MOMs requested more information about federal budget primer. Need to determine if this is something NTAA can assist with.	NTAA Staff	Not determined
ACTION ITEM 11: Set up meeting with EDF and PAC on Looper Bright Webinar Planning	NTAA Staff	11/1/2024

NTAA EC In Person Meeting

September 24, 2024

NTAA Executive Committee Caucus, NTAA Staff 9:00am CT – 12:00 CT

1. Invocation
2. Roll Call of NTAA Executive Committee Members and Staff
3. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda: Region 5 primary put forth a motion to approve the meeting agenda; motion seconded by Region 8 primary. Call for question, none. No abstentions, no dissensions. Motion passes.
4. Overview of Executive Order 14112
 - a. EO has been out for a year currently. The workgroup is all EPA staffed with AIEO Director Martin as the lead. May want to support a round table with tribes to help encourage tribal awareness and comments.
 - b. Discussion of 638 approach as part of the process. Tribes are interested in compacting not contractor route.
 - c. Discussion of the frustration in the amount of works Tribes put into CPRG grant process and only 33 Tribes were funding. This reduces Tribes' interest in continuing to apply for IRA funding.
 - d. Discussion of the frustration that the TICTACs are not up to speed and not able to support the Tribes but are continuing to be funded.

Action: NTAA EC to discuss and consider if a roundtable with Tribes for information and input is needed on EO 14112.

5. NTAA Budget and Workplan Update
 - a. ITEP presented the current \$335K annual budget under the last year of the NTAA grant. There are 5 program elements that are supported under the budget:
 - i. NTAA EC and Member Support
 - ii. Policy Analysis
 - iii. Communications and Coordination
 - iv. NTFAQ and Annual Membership Meeting
 - v. Additional Elements
 1. STAR
 2. Performance Evaluation
 - b. Because of being understaffed and other items, ITEP expects significant amount of grant funds may roll over into year 3 of the cooperative agreement.
 - i. Discussed having a second in person meeting in AK to support getting NTAA representative.
 - ii. Discussed anniversary activities and promotional video

Action: Develop a roll over plan to send to ITEP and EPA project officer.

6. STAR 2024 – have a template; ALA and Dr. Whyte will assist, need workgroup; Workgroup: Marvin, Lucas, Billie, Tara, Syndi, Janice; send out poll for meeting; will put a timeline together for completion before NTFAQ; work with Pat and Regina Chappell at EPA; story map of STAR for website

Action Item: Initiate the STAR workgroup.

7. Workgroup Options – Wildfire Smoke turns to Woodsmoke in winter, Alaska, do we want a PFAS (ask on webinar if Tribes would like a workgroup), Designations or anything else? R5 primary put forth a motion proposing a PFAS Workgroup that focuses on air quality aspects but recognizes the interconnection with other media and gets feedback from the webinar or NTAA listserv as to whether the workgroup would be useful. Motion seconded by R8 primary. Call for question, none. No abstentions, no dissensions. Motion passes.

Action Item: NTAA Chair will work with Laura to reach out to NTAA member Tribes to get feedback on interest / need for PFAS air workgroup.

8. Discussion on Minutes – NTAA agreed to adhere to motions made on minutes at previous meetings.
9. OAQPS Update – NTAA running in some challenges working with OAQPS agreeing to agenda developed by NTAA for semi-annual meeting.

Action item: Follow up with Thomas and Ale to discuss on-going issues with OAQPS.

10. NTAA EC Meeting Dates: October 14th moved to October 28th and November 11th moved to November 18th. Region 4 primary put forth a motion to approve to accept changes to meeting dates; motion seconded by Region 6 primary. Call for question, none. No abstentions, no dissensions. Motion passes.
11. Air Policy Call Dates: November 28th moved to November 21st and December 26th Cancelled the next call will be held on January 30th. Region 4 primary put forth a motion to approve the change in dates; motion seconded by Region 10 primary. Call for question, none. No abstentions, no dissensions. Motion passes.

12. NTC Update: Discussed preparation for upcoming NTC meeting that NTAA has been invited to. Chairwoman Smallwood requested NTAA staff support for developing a PPT or Infographic to help communicate NTAA priorities to the NTC.

Action Item: Laura McKelvey will work with NTAA Chair to develop NTAA PPT or Infographics for the NTC meeting.

12:00pm – 1:00pm: Lunch

1:00pm – 1:45pm: American Lung Association Meeting with NTAA Executive Committee

Invited Guests:

Kevin M. Stewart, Director, Environmental Health, Advocacy and Public Policy, Natalia Reyes Becerra, Manager, Nationwide Advocacy, Clean Air, Lexi Popovici, Senior Manager, Nationwide Policy, Clean Outdoor Air and OAR Senior Advisor, Tribal Program Management Pat Childers

Topics include:

- a. Presentation of STAR 2023 and discussion on STAR 2024
- b. Update on ALA's Air Quality and Climate Policy Work
- c. Update on ALA fire-focused science forum – possible NTAA partnership organization
- d. Monitoring the State of the Air in Indian Country
- e. Open Discussion

Notes:

- Supplemental Report Monitoring the State of the Air in Indian Country - Update on new Report with satellite data with data from disproportion underserved populations and Tribes, need information on data gaps from NTAA, open to where new series of reports are going.

Questions: do you have this information in GIS, University of Washington is doing the data, are you doing any work with sensor data? Doing some work with private data, but it is too much so it will be additional to this document and subsequent to this document. IT this satellite document inclusive of the sensor data? Someone is working on the map and some of the data is off and not sure how far off comparing sensors to satellites. Need to fill in data on wildfire smoke. Is ALA familiar with EDF's work? When will the supplemental report be ready? Mid-October will send to NTAA.

- Can NTAA use some of the info in the STAR 2024? Yes.

- Is ALA looking at emerging issues like PFAS for and how that might overlap with air quality and public health? There are items that may not fall into the ALA mission like hazardous pollutants or sources, State of the Air takes about pollutants such as ozone or PM. ALA has national policy people who may be working on these types of items. Possible future action item.
- Natalia provided some information on wildfires, congressional packages on health and prescribed fire, education and new PM2.5 standards, hosted a briefing to clarify this information.

Action Item: ALA will follow-up with NTAA on their Supplemental Air Report. NTAA may want to consider using satellite data for 2024 STAR

1:50pm – 2:35pm: NACAA Meeting with NTAA Executive Committee

Invited Guests: Miles Keogh, Executive Director

Topics Include:

- Update on NACAA's Policy Work
 - PM NAAQS Designations, Climate, Appropriations, CAA section 137 funding for climate change developed for CPRG, use this for additional funding
 - Do you include any emerging issues? Section 137, wildfires would be additional funding, PFAS would be additional,
 - Congressional Review Act (CRAs)
 - Challenges to Chevron – nothing since 2014 based on chevron, but that is about to change
 - Clean Power Plant
 - NACAA starting to work on next transition paper which will go out by early December, who NACAA is, etc.
- Update on NTAA's Policy Work
 - NTAA Webinar October 23rd 1:00pm pst, NTAA Webinar PFAS October 3rd 1:00pm pst, Budget Recommendation and Priorities, Tribes receiving CPRG, Meet more often

c. Open Discussion

Miles Keogh is open to working with NTAA to strategize on budget request to EPA and next administration.

Action Item: NTAA staff to set-up call with Miles Keogh to discuss strategy on EPA and next administration budget request.

2:40pm – 3:20pm: Moms Clean Air Force Meeting with NTAA Executive Committee

Invited Guests: Almeta Cooper, National Manager and Shaina Oliver, Indigenous Rights Advocate

Topics Include:

- Presentation of STAR 2023 and discussion on STAR 2024

- STAR Reports and how the budget recommendation works and how the priorities relate to advancing air quality for Tribes.
Action Item: MOMs requested more information about federal budget primer. Need to determine if this is something NTAA can assist with.
 - NTFAQ information, would like to have the same again next year. Table at eco fair – chemical recycling, PFAS, illegal dumping
 - Almeta will share document on climate and public health with NTAA.
 - Reported on local efforts and TCTACs
- b. Update on Moms Clean Air Force Policy Work
 - c. Open Discussion

3:25pm – 4:15pm: Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) Meeting with NTAA Executive Committee

Invited guests: Matthew Garrington, Interim Senior Director Regulatory and Legislative Affairs, and Rosalie Winn, Director and Senior Attorney, Methane and Clean Air Policy

Topics Include:

- a. Presentation of STAR 2023 and discussion on STAR 2024
- b. Update on EDF's Policy Work
- c. Open Discussion
 - Interest in possible joint webinar on the Looper Bright decision.
 - Did a presentation on Methane and Tribal Lands for AIEO. Information and data will be available soon from these methane projects.
 - Proposed final Rule, leak detection. Should NTAA weigh in? Laura can speak with EDF Attorney's working on this.
 - Laura will meet with EDF and PAC to develop possible webinars.
 - Other areas: PFAS air emissions and Power Plants may be areas of future discussion.

Action Item: NTAA staff will schedule meeting with EDF and PAC to discuss developing Looper Bright webinars.

4:15pm – 4:30pm: Close Meeting