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NTAA's New Logo

The National Tribal Air Association has a new logo! The logo was voted on by NTAA's Member Tribes as part of a logo contest. NTAA initially received over 15 different logos, which was narrowed down to three by the Executive Committee. The remaining three were sent out to the NTAA Principal Member Tribes to vote on, with the winning logo design created by Monica Gregory. The NTAA is excited to start using the new logo in promotional and outreach materials. Additionally, NTAA will be updating its website starting with incorporating the new logo design and colors. NTAA is working on a mock-up of the new website to introduce to everyone at the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality.



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Feature Article



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Air Quality Program continued

Katie Tiger, EBCI Air Quality Program Supervisor



The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) initiated ambient air monitoring in 1999 as an environmental protection effort in response to growing concerns about air quality in relation to human health, culturally significant natural resources, and loss of visibility. The primary objective of the EBCI Air Quality Program (AQP) is to protect human health and natural resources by identifying any violations of the criteria pollutants (ozone and PM2.5) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) within the EBCI boundary. Over the years the AQP has grown into much more than the standard ambient air monitoring program. The EBCI AQP strives to implement renewable energy and fuel solutions to reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions in the region. EBCI AQP staff are leading ongoing efforts with federal, state, and university partners to create long-term climate resilience plans and strategies for the EBCI community. In last month's newsletter, we highlighted the EBCI AQP's Sensor Network and Community Alert System. In this newsletter, we will highlight their Climate Change Partnership.

Climate Change Partnership - The Carolinas Collaborative on Climate, Health, and Equity (C3HE)

- **E-lo-hi a(d)-ste-da-li-sgv-I or The Earth, it is Changing**

EBCI AQP has partnered with the Carolinas Collaborative on Climate, health and equity, which is a multi-institutional team of physical and social scientists, community leaders, researchers, outreach professionals, and students building community partnerships to advance climate resilience and health equity in the Carolinas. EBCI agreed to a 5-year MOU with this group, which is funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA) Climate Adaptation Partnerships (CAP) Program.

The goal of this partnership is to create a climate action road map for EBCI to implement government wide to prepare the EBCI community and land for the predicted changes in the local climate resulting in drought, extreme heat, extreme precipitation and wildfires. To date, this group has created government and community climate surveys, climate profiles for the EBCI lands, and recorded oral histories of Cherokee elders and language speakers.

The group wanted to include the oral history component of this project because they didn't want this to be just another plan for EBCI, they wanted to ground this climate action roadmap in the oral histories of tribal elders and demonstrate the importance of connection to this place. To do this, a small team of community members were trained to carry out these interviews with tribal elders in both English and the Cherokee language. The oral histories recorded will build the foundation of the EBCI Climate Action Roadmap.

The results of the community and government surveys were:

Top climate concern – 1) Wildfires 2) Extreme Heat 3) Flooding

- 77% agreed that Cherokee, NC is experiencing the effects of climate change now.
- 36% agreed that staff are knowledgeable about the potential impacts of climate change.
- 75% agreed that preparing to deal with the effects of climate change should be an important priority for the Tribe
- 53% of staff feel that climate change will affect their government program.

NTAA Announcements

The NTAA Executive Committee had their semi-annual, in-person meeting in Anchorage Alaska to coincide with the Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management ATCEM. The Executive Committee met with the EPA, other important partners such as the American Lung Association, MOMs Clean Air Force and the National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA). The Executive Committee attended the Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management (ATCEM) on the last day in Alaska and gave a presentation on NTAA. The team felt fortunate to meet in person again, and spread the word about NTAA to Alaskan colleagues.





New Alaska Executive Committee Member

The Alaska Tribal Air Work Group recently voted in Frederick (Fred) Dahl as the Alaska Representative Alternate on the NTAA Executive Committee. Fred currently works for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC). Fred is Athabascan and Aleut, originally from Anchorage, AK. His family comes from the Copper River Basin and Nome regions. He is an enrolled member of the Native Village of Chitina where he has worked since 2010 managing the EPA/ GAP and TTP programs. We are thrilled to have Fred as the newest NTAA EC member!

Wildfire Smoke Work Group

Thursday, May 1, 2025, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. MTN

Please email Marty.Johnson@nau.edu if you are interested

Alaska Tribal Air Work Group

Thursday, May, 29, 2025, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. MTN

Please email Miranda.Oneill@nau.edu if you are interested

National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ)

Don't forget to [register](#) for the 2025 NTFAQ held at

Harrah's Resort and Casino from May 19- 22, 2025

Valley Center, CA

NTFAQ Eco Cafe

Please join us at this year's Eco Cafe at NTFAQ.

The EcoCafe session of the NTFAQ is a prime opportunity for individuals, project teams, organizations, and businesses to share information and interact with Forum attendees in an informal, exhibit-style atmosphere.

NEPA Letter to the Council on Environmental Quality

The National Tribal Air Association drafted a letter to the Council on Environmental Quality expressing its opposition to the interim final rule proposing the removal of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) implementing regulations. The letter can be found [here](#) on the NTAA website under our Policy Resource Kits page under "Other Policy Resource Kits."

NTFAQ 2025
NATIONAL TRIBAL
FORUM ON AIR QUALITY
MAY 19-22, 2025
Harrah's Resort Southern California
777 S. Resort Dr Valley Center, CA 92082

REGISTRATION
NEW limited access online option available at no cost.
- \$250 for General Attendee
- \$450 for Exhibitor
Click [HERE](#) to Register

LODGING
The conference will be held at Harrah's Resort & Casino Southern California. Nightly rates for lodging for conference attendees is \$129 plus tax. Reserve your room by May 1st to get the discounted rate.

WEBSITE
Click [HERE](#) to navigate to the NTFAQ Website

National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ) 3rd Annual Film Festival and Fun Run

NATIONAL TRIBAL AIR ASSOCIATION

THIRD ANNUAL FILM FESTIVAL

OPEN TO ALL TRIBES
10 TO 20 MIN FILMS
ENVIRONMENTAL THEME

SUBMISSIONS BY APRIL 25, 2025

TO LAURADMCKELVEY@GMAIL.COM

The bottom of the poster features a stylized illustration of a clapperboard on the left, two movie tickets in the center, and a film reel on the right. The tickets are black with white stars and the word 'CINEMA' written vertically. The clapperboard has a white and black striped pattern.

NATIONAL TRIBAL FORUM ON AIR QUALITY

Breath of Fresh Air 5K Fun Run or Walk

Thursday, May 22, 2025

SUGGESTED DONATIONS \$30
(CASH PAYMENT PREFERRED)
PROCEEDS SUPPORT THE RINCON
RECREATIONAL EDUCATIONAL AND
YOUTH SERVICES PROGRAM

The background of the poster is a vibrant illustration of a man and a woman running on a red track. The man is in the foreground, wearing a green shirt and orange shorts. The woman is behind him, wearing a yellow top and brown shorts. They are running towards the right. The background shows rolling green hills, a bright sun, and a blue sky with white clouds. There are also some green plants in the foreground.

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ITEP and TAMS Announcements

ITEP Listservs and Newsletters

Want to be in the know about all things pertaining to Tribes and the environment? Join our listservs/and or newsletters! Click [here](#) to view the various listservs, then click on the specific listserv to join.

2025 ITEP Office Hours

Each month ITEP partners with EPA, Tribes, and other content experts to have a lively discussion on a specific topic. Please join us via Zoom. Each month participants will hear a short presentation and have the opportunity to ask questions of the host and audience. Hope to see you at an upcoming Grants, Indoor Air Quality, or TAMS Center office hour.

Zoom Meeting ID is 659 096 3943; Password: AIAQTP

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Upcoming Trainings

[Air Quality Data Management](#)

June, TBD

Online Take at Your Own Pace Workshops

Click [here](#) for more information



2025 ITEP OFFICE HOURS

TAMS OFFICE HOURS
Second Tuesday
11:00AM Pacific

- January 14
- March 11
- May 13

TAMS STEERING COMMITTEE AIR MONITORING WORKGROUP
11:00 AM Pacific

- February 11
- April 8th
- June 10

INDOOR AIR QUALITY OFFICE HOURS
Third Thursday
11:00 AM Pacific

- January 23
- February 20
- March 20
- April 17
- May 15
- June 18

GRANTS OFFICE HOURS
First Wednesday
10AM Pacific

- January 8
- February 5
- March 5
- April 9
- May 7
- June 4

OUTREACH & EDUCATION OFFICE HOURS
Third Thursday
12:00 PM Pacific

- January 23
- February 20
- March 20
- April 17
- May 15
- June 18

ZOOM MEETING ID: 659-096-3943
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Tribal Air Monitoring Support Center (TAMS)

[Equipment Loan Program](#)

Equipment for Ambient Air Quality, Indoor Air Quality, and Calibration

EPA Announcements

National Air Toxics Conference

Click [here](#) for more information

EPA Indoor Air Cleaning Resources

With wildfire season upon us, we want to remind folks of the great EPA resources available for indoor air cleaning. Check them out [here](#), to learn everything about different types of filters.



EPA IAQ (Indoor Air Quality) Webinars, Meetings, and Resources

View the [calendar of events](#) for upcoming webinars, meetings, and other important dates. See a list of free, IAQ-related on-demand webinar recordings and additional IAQ-related resources.



Asthma Awareness Month

With May just around the corner, start preparing for [Asthma Awareness Month](#) with EPA's updated AAM Event Planning Kit, which includes tools to help plan and execute local events and gain media coverage.

EPA's Air, Climate, & Energy Research Webinar Series

The next topic covered will be Wildfires with speakers Amara Holder and Sarah Coefield who will give a final update on the Wildfire ASPIRE Study: Advancing Science Partnerships for Indoor Reductions of Smoke.

Wednesday May 21, 2025

Click [here](#) for more information

Other Announcements

American Public Health Association National Public Health Week

Celebrate public health April 7 -13, 2025
Washington, D.C.

Through engaging discussions with leading public health experts, we'll examine the biggest lessons learned, emerging challenges like climate change and misinformation, and the innovations that will shape the future of public health. Register [here](#) (virtual participation is available and FREE with webinars happening all week.)

HHEAR Exposomics Webinar 18: Next-Generation Tools for Measuring Exposure to Air Pollution

Tuesday, April 15, 2025 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. MST

Thomas Reilly, Ph.D., and Jessica Tryner, Ph.D., of Access Sensor Technologies, will discuss how new sampling tools facilitate large-scale compositionally, temporally, and spatially resolved measurements of air pollution exposure. Register [here](#)

2025 Tribal Public Health Emergency Preparedness Conference and Training

May 05, 2025 08:00am PT - May 09, 2025 12:00pm PT

Muckleshoot Casino Resort
2402 Auburn Way S, Auburn, WA 98002
Register [here](#)

Center for Domestic Preparedness 10th Annual Tribal Nations Training Week

The weeklong training event, which will be conducted April 26 -May 3, 2025, is for state, local, tribal, and territorial responders who work in an emergency response capacity and are affiliated with one or more tribal nations or the Indian Health Service. The 2025 event will feature courses in eight separate tracks: Cyber, Healthcare, Climate, Continuity of Operations, Tribal Curriculum, Executive, Funding/Grants, and Exercises. The CDP will post an announcement on its [web](#) and social media sites when registration for the week is open.

Air & Waste Management Association Air Quality Measurement Methods and Technology Conference

April 23-25, 2025 Aurora, CO
Click [here](#) to register

23rd Annual National Healthy Schools Day

Coordinated by Healthy Schools Network, the 23rd National Healthy Schools Day, will take place on Tuesday, April 8, 2025, and all week long. Click [here](#) to register for the virtual webinars taking place throughout the week. This year's event will feature State and Local Programs

- Protecting school buildings and grounds from extreme weather events
- Reducing indoor toxics to improve indoor air and ensure safer disaster cleanups

The Association for Air Pollution Control Agencies AAPCA 2025 Spring Meeting

April 30th - May 2nd 2025

Hilton Phoenix Airport

Click [here](#) to register

American Lung Association Resources

Something in the Air Reports

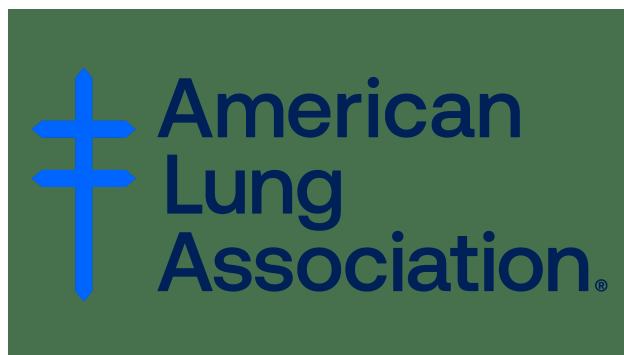
ALA recently published their Nitrogen Dioxide and Community Health Report on March 6th 2025.

Click [here](#) to download the report.

[How Indoor Air Quality Impacts Your Lungs video](#)

[Do It Yourself Air Cleaner Guide](#)

[Protecting Lung Health During Wildfires Factsheet](#)



Free Tribal Data Management Training & Technical Assistance Opportunities



Monthly Tribal Data Drop in Sessions

Come with a question, share a resource of your own, or simply listen to what others have to say.

Held the third Thursday of every month 10 a.m. Pacific Time. Register [here](#).

Kansas State University In-Person CE Courses

Click [here](#) for more information



National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA)

Click [here](#) for the Week in Review *Washington Update* and more information on any of the items below.

NACAA Calls For More Clean Air Funding, Not Less, in FY26 Appropriations Testimony to the House of Representatives

NACAA has provided testimony to the U.S. House of Representatives Appropriations Committee regarding the FY26 budget for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

EPA Changes Terms and Conditions For Grants to Include New DEI Certification and Termination Requirements

In an email to grantees on March 25, 2025, EPA announced that it has changed the general terms and conditions for its grants (including to state and local agencies) with new terms that could facilitate the immediate termination by EPA of those grants, and requiring certification that recipients' diversity, equity and inclusion actions are not in violation of federal law.

Resolutions to Disapprove California Mobile Source Waivers Under the Congressional Review Act Introduced in House.

Republican members of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce have introduced Congressional Review Act (CRA) resolutions of disapproval to overturn the three California Clean Air Act preemption waivers that were transmitted to Congress by EPA in February 2025.

House Republicans Announce Review of GAO California Waiver Opinion

The Chair of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Rep. James Comer (R-KY), and the Chair of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, Rep. Brett Guthrie (R-KY), submitted a letter to the Government Accountability Office (GAO) Tuesday requesting documents and information surrounding GAO's March 6th formal opinion concluding that EPA waivers of Clean Air Act preemption for California vehicle and engine regulations are not "rules" subject to the Congressional Review Act (CRA) and are instead adjudicatory orders.

D.C. Circuit Places Cases Challenging EtO Commercial Sterilizers Rule in Abeyance; Declines to Remand Rule Without Vacatur

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit granted a motion by EPA to place in abeyance cases challenging EPA's April 2024 rule, "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Ethylene Oxide Emissions Standards for Sterilization Facilities Residual Risk and Technology Review" (the EtO Commercial Sterilizers Rule), while also denying EPA's motion for voluntary remand without vacatur of the rule.