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Welcome to the Native Voices newsletter!

The May 2021 issue features:

A preview of the 2021 Virtual National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ)!

Let us know what you think:

[Submit your comments or suggestions.](#)

When: May 17-21, 2021

Where: Virtual - <https://ntfaq2021.secure-platform.com/a/>

What to expect

- ❖ Pre-recorded and live sessions,
- ❖ Presentations from tribal environmental professionals, U.S. EPA leadership and staff, and others advancing air quality throughout Indian Country, including Native youth and elders,
- ❖ Networking and chat functions,
- ❖ A rich and fulfilling experience! While cancelling last year's NTFAQ was necessary, we missed you and are excited to "see" you all again this year.

2021 NTFAQ Virtual Host Tribe: Muscogee Nation



The Muscogee Nation, with operational headquarters in Okmulgee, Oklahoma, encompasses 11 counties, either entirely or in part in east central Oklahoma. The federally recognized, sovereign tribal government with a citizenship base of more than 77,000 operates as a self-determined visionary government designing, developing, and managing an advanced service system for its citizens and communities while maintaining the traditions, culture, and respect of the Muscogee people. Visit the [Muscogee Nation website](#) for more information.

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As the virtual host for the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality we give thanks to the Muscogee Nation and their environmental program staff (James Williams and Jennifer Reyher) for their leadership and support. We are also especially grateful to *Rebecca Barnett* and *Pearl Thomas* for sharing their time, knowledge and stories with our audience in interviews which can be accessed on the [NTF Host webpage](#).

A few tribal programs and presentations at this year's event...

There are several insightful and informative presentations offered by tribal professionals, EPA staff, university students and interns, federal partners, and others at the 2021 NTFAQ. Attendees are encouraged to view the pre-recorded presentations available on the event platform. Highlighted below are a few presentations by various tribal programs.

SESSION: Air Quality Monitoring & Low-Cost Air Sensor Technology

When: May 18, 2021 | 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM PDT

Tribal Program Presentations:

- Caleb Minthorn (Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Oregon)
- Carter Thomas (Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, Oregon)
- Tim Outman (Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs, Oregon)
- Lucas Bair (Spokane Tribe of Indians, Washington)
- Craig Kreman (Quapaw Nation, Oklahoma)
- Johna Boulafentis and Mary Fauci (Nez Perce Tribe, Idaho)
- Dehlia Wolftail, Darren Olney, Agnes Meninick, Lillie Wesley (Heritage University, Yakima Nation, Washington)

Topics: air sensor projects, sensor data interpretation, AirNow Sensor Pilot Project, EPA's Air Sensor Toolbox, Portable Air Monitoring Device Loan Program, PM Monitors, Purple Air, and tribal community involvement and education.

SESSION: Indoor Air Quality

When: May 18, 2021 | 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM PDT or May 20, 2021 | 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Presentations:

- Amanda Hong (US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8)
- Erin McTigue (US Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10)
- Francis Park (Indian Health Service)
- Aileen Gagney (Tribal Healthy Home Network)

Topics: indoor air quality programs, resource directory, no- or low-cost solutions, ventilation, filtration, climate events, and human health.

SESSION: Wildfires & Air Quality

When: May 18/2021 | 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM PDT or May 20, 2021 | 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM PDT

Tribal Program Presentations:

- Brian McCaughey (Hoopla Valley Tribe, California)
- Joe Hostler (Yurok Tribe, California)

Topics: AirNow Fire and Smoke Map, wildfire smoke, smoke monitoring plan, inter-agency collaboration and public outreach, and advocacy for prescribed cultural burning.

SESSION: Community Engagement & Air Quality

When: May 19, 2021 | 12:30 PM to 1:15 PM or May 19, 2021 | 1:45 PM to 2:30 PM PDT

Tribal Program Presentations:

- Johna Boulafentis (Nez Perce Tribe, Idaho)

[Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Communities](#)

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[National Tribal Air Association](#)

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[EPA Tribal Air and Climate Resources](#)

- Angela Benedict (St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, New York)

Topics: internships, remote communication, community outreach, Air Quality Flag Program, VW Settlement, electric vehicle charging station, aerosols, climate change, and educational resources and materials.

SESSION: Air Program Development from Three Tribal Perspectives

When: May 19, 2021 | 12:30 PM to 1:15 PM PDT

Tribal Program Presentations:

- Maxine Paul (Pueblo of Santa Ana, New Mexico)
- Janice Archuleta (Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Utah)
- Ryan Eberle (Gila River Indian Community, Arizona)

Topics: air quality management programs, history, Clean Air Act 103 Program, Clean Air Act 105 Program, federal and state air quality laws, Treatment as a State, and National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

Tips for Attendee Participation

1. Add an event to your calendar by clicking on the session calendar file.
2. Watch pre-recorded presentations beforehand to maximize your participation during the live event.
3. After logging in, click *Launch Chat* and fill in the details to participate in 1-on-1 or group chats.
4. Email NTFAQ@nau.edu at any time if you have questions.
5. Enjoy yourself! Although it is a virtual event, take advantage of the networking sessions to meet new people or catch up with old friends.

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