



NASA Air Quality Applied Sciences Team

Earth Science Serving Air Quality Management Needs



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NASA AQAST invites feedback on 2013 Tiger Team proposals

30-minute survey designed to pinpoint high-priority air quality research projects

MADISON – As the members of NASA’s Air Quality Applied Sciences Team (AQAST) continue to think up new ways to address pressing air quality research problems, they are reaching out to air quality managers to help decide which topics are most deserving of funding.

NASA AQAST is composed of 19 leading atmospheric scientists and their collaborators, each with a unique skill set in applying advanced scientific tools and data to air quality management. Satellite data, in particular, is a major strength of the team. Each year NASA funds collaborative "Tiger Teams" that leverage the expertise of the team’s members to further a handful of high-priority, collaborative endeavors.

This year, marking AQAST’s third year of funding, Tracey Holloway, the team’s Deputy Leader, designed a survey as a way to garner feedback from the air quality community: the agencies and individuals whose needs AQAST was founded to serve.

“An important part of the AQAST initiative has been the yearly establishment of collaborative ‘Tiger Teams’ — groups of AQAST scientists working together on top-priority issues for the air quality management community. ... Your responses will be very important in the decision-making that takes place next month at our 5th AQAST Meeting in Maryland (AQAST5),” Holloway said in an email to the survey’s beta testers this week.

The survey asks respondents to provide feedback based on their individual priorities, the broader goals of their organization, and the broader needs of U.S. air quality management to the best of their knowledge. Respondents to the survey may view a poster presenting each proposed topic, rank their opinion of each, and provide additional comments.

At the present time, 15 different Tiger Team project proposals have been submitted for review. A full list of the proposed Tiger Team project concepts may also be found on the group’s wiki site, here. The survey, which may be found at this link, closes at 5 p.m. EST on Monday, June 3, and takes about 30 minutes to complete.

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Are you an air quality manager? Please take our survey! (<http://svy.mk/133RPCR>)

NASA Air Quality Applied Sciences Team, a nationwide collaborative research team, serves the needs of air quality managers in the U.S. by analyzing a variety of NASA satellite data, models and suborbital platforms on the ground. Formed in 2011 by NASA's Applied Sciences Program, AQAST is made up of 19 of the top minds in air quality science and aims to provide the public with high-quality resources. Find out more at www.aqast.org or aqast-media.org.