



## NASA Air Quality Applied Sciences Team

*Earth Science Serving Air Quality Management Needs*



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### **AQAST to Hold Sixth Biannual Meeting January 15-17**

*Meeting in Houston will showcase new satellite data, analysis and applications*

MADISON – NASA's Air Quality Applied Sciences Team (AQAST) will hold its sixth biannual meeting next week in Houston, Texas, with presentations from leading experts with direct applications for air quality managers and other stakeholders.

Next week's meeting will open on January 15<sup>th</sup> with learning sessions that highlight cutting edge applications of satellite data including a discussion of uncertainties surrounding OMI NO<sub>2</sub> data, progress in estimating urban NO<sub>x</sub> emissions using satellites, and estimating surface visibility for compliance with state and federal haze regulations.

The meeting's second day will begin with presentations and panel discussions directly targeted at air quality managers. Presentations will be given by AQAST team members as well as representatives from the American Petroleum Institute, the Electric Power Research Institute, and regional air quality organizations from the Midwest, Mid-Atlantic and Southeast.

The meeting will conclude on January 17<sup>th</sup> with an AQAST organizational session led by chairman Daniel Jacob of Harvard University. The final day will also include an overview of AQAST media outreach efforts.

AQAST meetings are held every six months and bring together team members, air quality managers, and research and applications partners. The goals of these meetings are to share information and progress on AQAST activities, receive feedback from air quality managers and inform air quality managers of the resources available through AQAST.

The meeting agenda can be accessed [here](#). The last AQAST meeting was held in June 2013 and presentations can be accessed at this [website](#). The seventh AQAST meeting will be held this summer in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Read more about the event in this [press release](#) from Rice University.

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NASA Air Quality Applied Sciences Team, a nationwide collaborative research team, serves the needs of air quality managers in the United States by analyzing a variety of NASA satellite data, models and suborbital platforms on the ground. Created in 2011 by NASA's Applied Sciences Program, AQAST is made up of 19 of the top minds in all fields of air quality science and strives to inform air quality managers and provide high-quality resources for the press and public. Contact Dr. Tracey Holloway in her office at (617)-495-1794 or go to [www.aqast.org](http://www.aqast.org) or [www.aqast-media.org](http://www.aqast-media.org).