

## **Recommendations for 2016 NACAA Communicating Air Quality Meeting Sessions**

**Tuesday, March 15, 2016 – Thursday, March 17, 2016**

**Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown/Magnificent Mile  
Chicago, Illinois**

The National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA) will hold its 2016 Communicating Air Quality Conference, March 15-17, 2016, at the Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown/Magnificent Mile, in Chicago, Illinois. The conference will begin on Tuesday morning and end mid-day on Thursday.

This conference will provide participants the opportunity to learn the latest information about such issues as air quality and health, the new ozone standards, portable air sensors and the citizens who are using them, as well as air quality forecasting and messaging, among others. You'll also have the chance to share your experiences and knowledge, network with colleagues and learn about new and innovative federal, state and local programs and initiatives.

### ***Registration Information***

Registration materials and information about making hotel reservations are available online at [http://www.4cleanair.org/2016\\_NACAA\\_Communicating\\_Air\\_Quality\\_Conference](http://www.4cleanair.org/2016_NACAA_Communicating_Air_Quality_Conference). A draft agenda will be available shortly.

All attendees are responsible for making their own hotel reservations directly with the Embassy Suites Chicago Downtown/Magnificent Mile by calling (800) 445-8667 or 312-836-5900 or going online to NACAA's dedicated reservation link at [http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/C/CHIREES-NAC-20160314/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://embassysuites.hilton.com/en/es/groups/personalized/C/CHIREES-NAC-20160314/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG), **by no later than Friday, February 5, 2016**. NACAA has negotiated a group rate of \$169.00 per night (single/double) plus applicable taxes. We cannot guarantee the group rate after the cut-off date so please make your reservations as soon as possible. All guest rooms must be guaranteed with a credit card.

**Please note that in addition to making your hotel reservation, you must also register online for this meeting by no later than Friday, February 12, 2016.** The registration fee for this meeting is \$295.00 per person, which includes an AM and PM break and lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday and an AM break on Thursday.

Once you register for the meeting, if you need to cancel your attendance for any reason, it is imperative 1) that you contact Monique at NACAA ([mfaye@4cleanair.org](mailto:mfaye@4cleanair.org) or 202-624-7864) to cancel your meeting registration AND 2) that you contact the hotel directly to cancel your room reservation. Rooms may be cancelled up to 24 hours prior to your arrival date without penalty.

### ***Potential Session Topics***

We are soliciting presentation ideas for the following session topics:

Air Sensors and Citizen Science  
The New Ozone NAAQS – Nonattainment Challenges  
Air Toxics and Communicating Risk  
Environmental Justice  
Public Health

Air Quality Forecasting and Messaging  
Idling Programs  
Skills and Tools for Communicators  
Open Burning and Smoke  
Handling Crisis Communications  
What's Hot: Innovative Federal, State and Local Outreach and Communications Initiatives  
Other Air Issues

*(A more detailed list of potential session topics is available online at:  
<http://www.4cleanair.org/sites/default/files/Documents/SuggestedSessionTopics-12172015-2016CAQ.pdf>. In the event a session does not have enough interest for a full panel, we will make every effort to accommodate speakers; some topics may lend themselves readily to posters.)*

### **Abstract Submissions**

If you are interested in presenting at the 2016 Communicating Air Quality Conference, please e-mail Stephanie Steigman ([scooper@4cleanair.org](mailto:scooper@4cleanair.org)) **by Friday, January 15, 2016** with your contact information, a short description of what you would like to speak about, an estimate of the time you will need and which session you think your presentation pertains to.

Submissions will be judged on the quality and merit of their content, relevance to the indicated session topic, and their interest to and usefulness and reproducibility for other conference attendees. Please note that, depending upon the number of submissions received, we may not be able to accommodate all submissions.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.