

# Building Tribal Partnerships with Low-Cost Small-footprint Ambient Monitoring Sites

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#### Outline

- Background & Purpose
- Network Overview
- Monitoring on Tribal Lands
  - Operating stations
  - Small Footprint Design
  - Installation
- Questions



Alabama-Coushatta, TX CASTNET site (ALC188). Filter pack,  $O_3$  and temperature is collected by EPA.

#### Network Overview

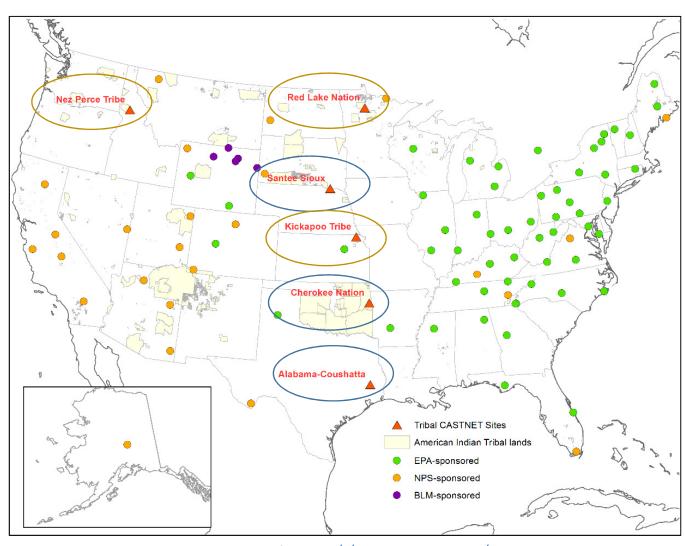
- Established in 1990 under the Clean Air Act Amendments (CAAA) to assess long-term trends and reductions of atmospheric deposition due to emission reduction programs (ARP).
- Long-term rural monitoring network
  - designed to provide ambient concentrations and estimates of dry deposition
- Sixty-eight CASTNET sites co-located with AMoN
- Most sites are co-located with NADP/NTN. CASTNET reports dry and total deposition fluxes.
- Ambient data, quality assurance data and documentation are routinely posted to EPA's public website (www.epa.gov/castnet)



Sumatra, FL (SUM156)

### Monitoring Sites

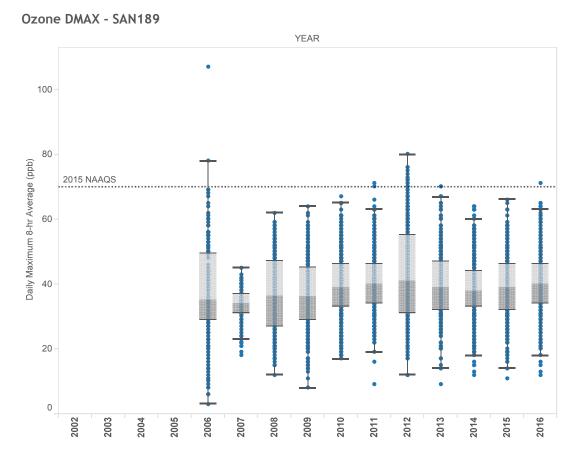
- Ninety-five (95)
   monitoring sites
   sponsored by EPA,
   NPS, BLM-WY, NY
   DEC/NYSERDA
- 6 Tribal partners
- More than 50
   partners support the
   network
- Sites are located in rural areas away from emissions sources



https://www.epa.gov/castnet

#### **CASTNET** Measurements

- Each site measures weekly concentrations of SO<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2</sup>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, HNO<sub>3</sub>, Cl<sup>-</sup> and base cations
- Provide estimates of dry deposition
- Additionally, most sites measure hourly O<sub>3</sub>. Ozone data are compared to the NAAQS (70 ppb)
- 8 sites measure hourly concentrations of NOy



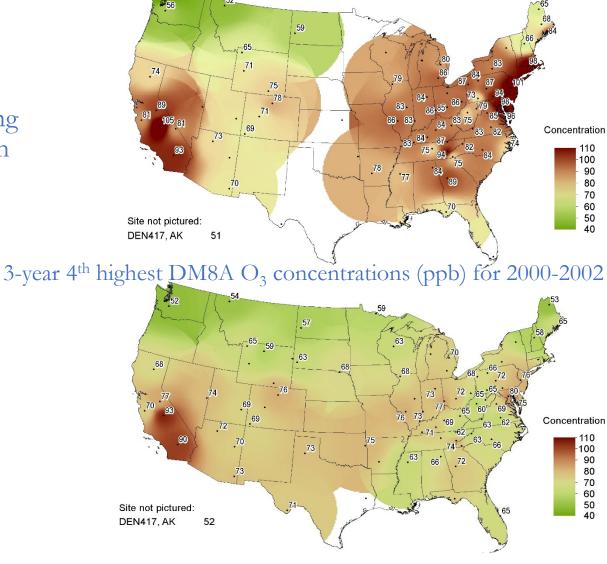
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#### EPA/CASTNET

 Partnerships are important for operating a consistent, long-term monitoring network

- Spatial coverage
- Interest in oil/gas development and impacts on ozone exceedances
- In-kind support provided by tribes



3-year 4<sup>th</sup> highest DM8A O<sub>3</sub> concentrations (ppb) for 2011-2013

# Mutual Benefits for Tribal Partners and CASTNET

#### Tribes

- Participation in an established national network provides credibility
- Public information can be referenced and used for public outreach
  - Documentation
  - Map products
- Atmospheric pollutant and deposition impacts to areas important to tribes
  - Negative effects to land and water quality
  - Health effects due to ozone and/or PM formation due to agricultural burns, wildfires, combustion sources
- Training availability
  - EPA provided training to Cherokee in 2002
  - Cherokee has provided training to many tribal partners

#### Tribal Monitoring Program

- Three tribal sites have been in operation for more than 10 years
  - These sites deploy weekly filter packs, measure hourly ozone and temperature
- Recently, through EPA's OAR tribal program, CAMD's outreach to tribes and the design of a low-cost, small footprint site, CASTNET has been able to expand the tribal network
  - EPA has 8 small-footprint sites

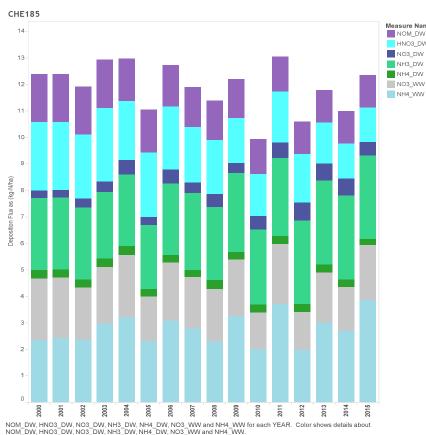


Red Lake, MN (RED004)

### Cherokee Nation (CHE185, OK)

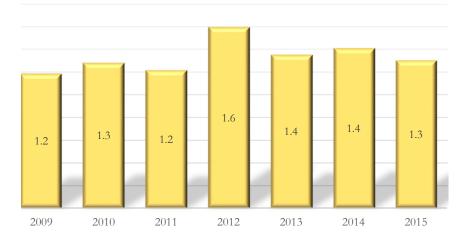


- CASTNET site deployed in 2002
- Co-located with NCore
  - CASTNET collects meteorological data
  - Cherokee Nation collects O3, PM and trace gas measurements



- Co-located with National Atmospheric Deposition Program:
  - Mercury Deposition Network (MDN)
  - Atmospheric Mercury Network (AMNet)
  - Ammonia Monitoring Network (AMoN)

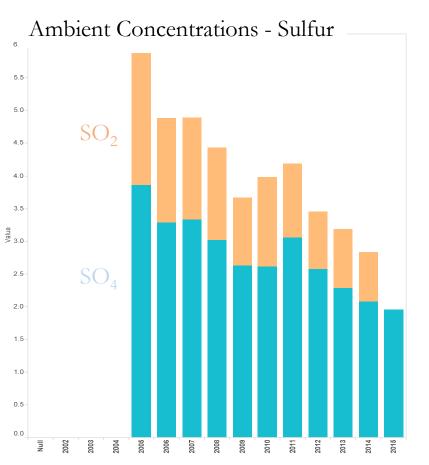
#### Annual NH<sub>3</sub> Concentrations

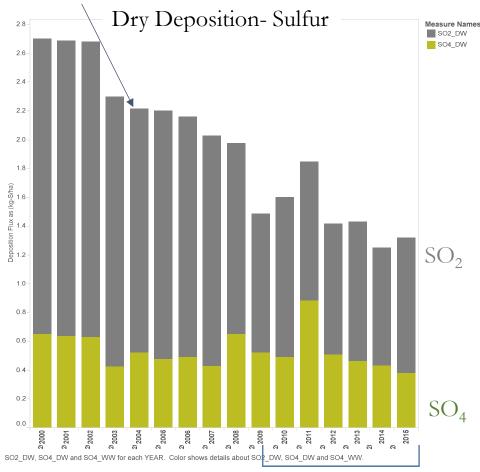




### Alabama-Coushatta (ALC188, TX)

#### CASTNET measurements began in 2004





### Small-footprint Design

- 2012 Small footprint monitoring stations
  - Alternative power source (wind/solar)
- 11 CASNET small-footprint sites



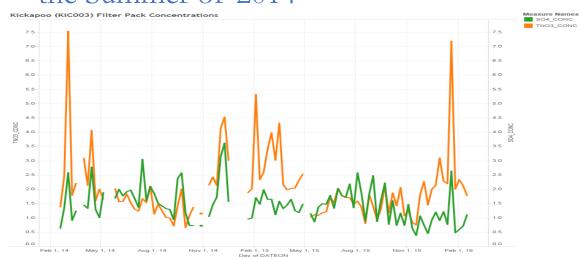






### Kickapoo Nation (KIC003)

- Small-footprint site established in February 2014
- Located in NE Kansas
- Purpose: enhance the Kickapoo Nation School awareness of science & environmental education.
- NADP wet deposition was installed in the Summer of 2014







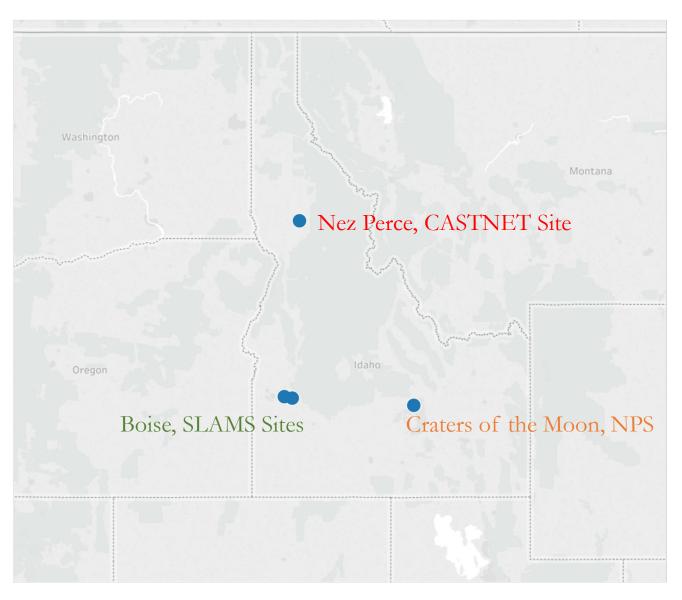
### Nez Perce, ID (NPT006)

- First tribal solar/wind powered monitoring site
  - Installed December 2015
- Small enclosure houses ozone monitor and transfer standard
  - Three ozone monitors in ID reporting to AQS
- Interest in oil/gas development and impacts on ozone exceedances
- Challenge from 2016 STAR Report—funding for tribes affected by the new ozone standards





#### Idaho Ozone Monitors



# Nez Perce, ID (NPT006)





# CASTNET Siting Criteria

Traditional* CASTNET Monitoring Sites			
Potential Interference	Minimum Distance from Measurement Apparatus		
Large point source of SO 2 or NO <sub>x</sub>	20 to 40 km		
Major industrial complex	10 to 20 km		
City, > 50,000 population	40 km		
City, 10,000 to 50,000 population	10 km		
City, 1,000 to 10,000 population	5 km		
Major highway, airport, or rail yard	2 km		
Secondary road, heavily traveled (> 100 ADT***)	500 m		
Secondary road, lightly traveled (≤ 100 ADT***)	200 m		
Feedlot operations	500 m		
Intensive agricultural operations (including aerial spraying)	500 m		
Limited agricultural operations	200 m		
Large parking lot	200 m		
Small parking lot	100 m		
Tree line	50 m		
Obstacles to wind	10 times obstacle height		
CASTNET Monitoring Sites Initiated for	or Filter Pack Measurements Exclusively		
Potential Interferant	Minimum Distance from Measurement Apparatus		
Tree line	10 m		
Obstacles	10 m from sampling tower <u>plus</u> distance equal to 2 times any		
	obstacle height <u>above</u> the sampling inlet <sup>†</sup>		

<sup>\*</sup>Sites with a full suite of meteorological measurements along with a weekly filterpack.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Measured or modeled traffic volumes and mixes or approximations based on nearby similar roads.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>†</sup> For example: An object 15 m tall must be 20 m from the sampling tower (10 m plus 2 times the 5 m measured above the sampling inlet).

# Defined Responsibilities

Tasks	Funding
Site location reconnaissance	Tribe/Partner
Leasing of site land	Tribe/Partner
Purchase/receipt of equipment & materials	EPA/Amec
Infrastructure – pre install labor (tower base, fencing)	Tribe/Partner
Tower base materials (concrete, lag bolts & fencing materials)	EPA/Amec
Power drop and/or solar stand materials	EPA/Amec
Receipt and storage of 10m tower and equipment prior to installation	Tribe/Partner
Shipping costs for tower and equipment sent to site	EPA/Amec
Actual installation of tower and equipment	EPA/Amec
Field site operations training (90 minutes)	Tribe/Partner & EPA/Amec
Telemetry cost for monitoring/transferring data	EPA/Amec
Weekly site visit to change out filter pack and record data (30 minutes each Tuesday)	Tribe/Partner
Weekly filter pack shipping and analysis	EPA/Amec
Minor repairs/troubleshooting issues	Tribe/Partner
Calibration visits & major repairs	EPA/Amec
Siting area maintenance (e.g. grass mowing)	Tribe/Partner



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CASTNET: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/castnet">https://www.epa.gov/castnet</a>
NADP 2016 Science Symposium: <a href="http://nadp.sws.uiuc.edu/nadp2016/">http://nadp.sws.uiuc.edu/nadp2016/</a>

# CASTNET Small-Footprint Site Costs

Installation (Capital Costs)*	
Site selection/land lease	Tribe
Equipment & Shipping	\$11,500
Additional Supplies (power drop, fence, cement pad, etc.)	~\$5,000
<ul> <li>Labor/Travel</li> <li>Dependent on site location</li> <li>Site operator training</li> <li>Tower installation, telemetry &amp; power hookups</li> </ul>	\$10,000
Estimated Total	\$36,500

Annual Operation*		
<ul> <li>Filterpack</li> <li>Laboratory analysis</li> <li>Telemetry to monitor and transfer data</li> <li>Data QA &amp; validation</li> <li>Site calibration &amp; audit 2x's per year</li> <li>Reporting – maps, analyses, etc.</li> </ul>	\$25,000	
Site visit (~30 min/week)	Tribe	
Site maintenance & repairs	Tribe	
Estimated Total	\$25,000	