QUARTERLY HAQ PROJECT HIGHLIGHT:
PREDICTIVE ASSESSMENT OF TRANSMISSION CONDITIONS OF CHOLERA

Supported through a 2017 HAQ grant, Antarpreet Jutla (U. of Florida) has released the Vibrio Prediction Hub, which includes interactive maps to explore the presence of pathogenic Vibrio spp in Yemen and Ethiopia. This project integrates precipitation and air and ocean temperature data from MODIS, GPM, MERRA-2, and ORNL LandScan population data. Weekly forecasts are produced (four weeks in advance) for epidemic and endemic models of cholera in Yemen, Ethiopia, and other African nations. This tool is operational to project partners – UNICEF, Red Cross Climate Center, and UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs – to inform cholera risk in this geographic region. The team is working on capacity building activities that aim to engage end-users for sustained use of the web-based application. To learn more about this project, please read the NASA web feature.

![Predicted trigger risk of cholera in Yemen (September 2021) and Ethiopia (July 2021) (Left). The prototype smartphone capable web-hub aims to enhance cholera risk communication with decision-makers (Right). Credits: NASA/A. Jutla](image)

**NASA CELEBRATES APPLIED SCIENCES WEEK 2021**

In August 2021, the NASA Applied Sciences Program hosted Earth Science Applications Week 2021, a four-day virtual event to learn the practical applications of NASA Earth science data by sharing highlights from researchers and partners and interacting with early-career professionals. Daily plenary sessions provided insight into NASA's Applied Sciences projects, followed by flash talk sessions and opportunities to network and engage. Sessions were coordinated by the DEVELOP Program’s summer participants. For the HAQ session, Laura Judd (NASA LaRC) and Helena Chapman (NASA HQ) nominated presentations from two HAQ researchers – Julia Gohlke (Virginia Tech) and Assaf Anyamba (NASA GSFC/USRA). Then, HAQAST Lead Tracey Holloway (U. of Wisconsin-Madison) provided an update on the NASA Health and Air Quality Applied Sciences Team (HAQAST) (2021-2025) and launched the This is HAQAST video.

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HAQAST TIGER TEAMS

In September 2021, five NASA HAQAST Tiger Teams were selected, covering environmental justice, improving data usability, urban planning, air quality outreach, and health effects from fires. These projects will work with a variety of NASA and NOAA satellites and related data products relevant to health and air quality. More information can be found here.

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EM PUBLICATIONS ABOUT AIR QUALITY

The September 2021 issue (New Insights in Air Quality Monitoring Using Satellite Data) of the EM environmental magazine of the Air & Waste Management Association featured articles by HAQ PIs and collaborators on satellite data.

- **The Four Things to Know about Satellite Data for Air Quality Management** (by Tracey Holloway, Jennifer Bratburd)
- **The Present and Future of Satellite Observations for U.S. Air Quality Management** (by Ana Prados, Paul Vernier, Bryan Duncan, Lok Lamsal)
- **TROPOMI: A Revolutionary New Satellite Instrument Measuring Nitrogen Dioxide Air Pollution** (by Daniel Goldberg, Susan Anenberg, Gaige Kerr, Zifeng Lu, David Streets)
- **What Will TEMPO Offer Air Quality Managers?** (by Aaron Naeger, Michael Newchurch, Tom Moore, Kelly Chance)
- **Leveraging Satellite Data to Address Air Pollution Inequities** (by Susan Anenberg, Gaige Kerr, Daniel Goldberg)

NASA HAQ INVESTIGATOR UPDATES

- **Susan Anenberg (George Washington U.):** She was appointed to the WHO’s Global Air Pollution and Health Technical Advisory Group in July 2021 and the US EPA’s Science Advisory Board with a dual appointment to its new Climate Science Board in August 2021. She also co-authored the STAT article, The pandemic made clear who doesn’t get to breathe clean air. Now what?, in August 2021.
- **Assaf Anyamba (NASA GSFC/USRA):** He served on the Environmental Security and Economic Impact of Climate Change in Africa panel of the 4th Annual Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) Joint Military Intelligence Training Center (JMITC) – Middle East/Africa Regional Center (MARC) Africa Symposium in July 2021.
- **Daniel Tong (George Mason U.):** His research was highlighted in the WMO Airborne Dust Bulletin in July 2021 and the Arizona Center for Investigative Reporting article, Scientists work to unravel fungus ecology as Valley fever expands throughout West, in September 2021.
- **Ben Zaitchik (Johns Hopkins U.):** He serves as Co-Chair of the WMO COVID-19 Task Team, where the team has coordinated a series of Virtual COVID-19 Roundtables since June 2021.
MAIA HOLDS ITS THIRD ANNUAL EARLY ADOPTERS WORKSHOP

In September 2021, the NASA Multi-Angle Imager for Aerosols (MAIA) mission held its third annual Early Adopters Workshop, sponsored by the NASA HAQ Applied Sciences Program. Abbey Nastan (Jet Propulsion Laboratory), the MAIA Deputy Program Applications Lead, led the virtual workshop, which featured recent project updates. She also shared the debut of the MAIA simulated data, which will help Early Adopters prepare for MAIA data before launch (currently no earlier than late 2022). The MAIA team provided guided tutorials, as well as a Jupyter notebook and user guide, to facilitate Early Adopter’s use of the simulated data. More than 140 people (including 80 in-person participants) attended the Early Adopters workshop and rated the event highly in the post-workshop feedback survey. To request access to the workshop recording or MAIA simulated data products, please communicate with the MAIA Team and complete the brief application form.

TEMPO EARLY ADOPTERS PROGRAM UPDATE

Over the last quarter, Aaron Naeger (TEMPO Deputy Program Applications Lead, U. of Alabama in Huntsville), continued to engage existing and new end-users about the latest status of the TEMPO mission, its anticipated products, and application benefits of data after launch (currently expected December 2022). These activities included:

- Organizing a town hall at the 33rd Annual Conference of the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology, titled, Revolutionary Air Quality Observations from the NASA TEMPO Mission for the Environmental Epidemiological Community
- Publishing a TEMPO article, What Will TEMPO Offer Air Quality Managers, in the Air Waste Management Association (AWMA) EM magazine in September 2021
- Publishing a workshop summary, Revolutionary Air-Pollution Applications from Future TEMPO Observations, in the Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society (BAMS) magazine

The next TEMPO Early Adopters workshop will be held on November 10, 2021.
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GEO HEALTH COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE HOLDS BIWEEKLY TELECONS

The Group on Earth Observations (GEO) Health Community of Practice (CoP) – led by John Haynes (NASA HQ) and Juli Trtanj (NOAA) – continues to coordinate community teleconferences that leverage expertise and share Earth observation data and tools to support health decision-making. On average, 40 attendees participate in each telecon. Below is a synopsis of each meeting.

❑ July 2021: Cascade Tuholske (Columbia U.’s Earth Institute) described a new daily urban extreme heat dataset (Global High Resolution Daily Urban Extreme Heat Exposure, UEH-Daily).
❑ August 2021: Natasha Sadoff (NASA Goddard/SSAI) described the NASA Plankton, Aerosol, Cloud, ocean Ecosystem (PACE) mission.

The Small Work Groups leads – Heat (Ben Zaitchik, Johns Hopkins U.; Cascade Tuholske, Columbia U.’s Earth Institute); Infectious Diseases (Antar Jutla, U. of Florida); Food Security and Safety (Dorian Janney, NASA GSFC/GPM); Air Quality (Eric Klos, DailyBreath; Pawan Gupta, USRA/NASA MSFC); and Health Care Infrastructure (John Balbus, NIEHS; Andreas Skouloudis, iSteep.org) – continue to leverage expertise with CoP members to provide scientific and technical knowledge on selected health-related topics for specific project tasks.

AMERIGEO WEEK 2021

In August 2021, the NASA HAQ Team participated in AmeriGEO Week 2021, hosted by the Government of El Salvador and the Central American Integration System (SICA, in Spanish), which showcased how Earth observations are contributing to AmeriGEO’s five thematic priorities, with over 700 attendees. Notably, this event was the first public engagement of the AmeriGEO Health thematic community, with more than 120 attendees.

The Using Earth Observations for Public Health Surveillance session – facilitated by John Haynes (NASA HQ), Juli Trtanj (NOAA), and Helena Chapman (NASA HQ/BAH) – focused on emerging global health challenges as a leading priority in the upcoming decade. Panelists included Ana Stewart-Ibarra, Ana Watson, and Marcella Ohira (IAI); Cascade Tuholske (CIESIN); Ben Zaitchik (Johns Hopkins U.); Pablo Mendez-Lazaro (U. of Puerto Rico Medical Sciences Campus); William Pan (Duke U.); and John Malone andrixia del Mar Nieto (Louisiana State U.)

The session also supported the Belmont Forum’s Collaborative Research Actions on Climate, Environment, and Health in the Americas Workshop, which aimed to identify synergies for the development of research networks that address national priorities related to climate, environment, and health. Also, a total of 21 posters by GEO Health CoP members were presented during the break-out poster session. We invite everyone to view the recorded sessions!
ENHANCED AIR QUALITY MONITORING DURING TRACER-AQ

In September 2021, NASA partnered with DOE TRACER, TCEQ, BOEM, and several academic institutions to collect enhanced air quality measurements over the Houston/Gulf of Mexico region for the TRACER-Air Quality (AQ) field campaign. Led by Laura Judd (NASA LaRC) and John Sullivan (NASA GSFC), NASA deployed the Johnson Space Center Gulfstream-V outfitted with instrumentation built to support the collection of TEMPO-proxy data. Two ground-based ozone lidars and several other ground-based remote sensors were also deployed, collecting data during two multi-day ozone air quality events.

Science goals of TRACER-AQ include continued research into the impact of meteorology on ozone chemistry in this coastal urban environment, air quality model evaluation, preparation for TEMPO science, and updated research on pollution inequality in the Houston region.

Media: NASA Study Examines Houston-area Air Quality Issues
Website: https://www-air.larc.nasa.gov/missions/tracer-aq/index.html

HAQ COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The NASA HAQ team (John Haynes, NASA HQ; Helena Chapman, NASA HQ/BAH) conducted webinars that introduced the HAQ program and key examples of using Earth observations for public health applications.

- **NASA Earth Science Division:** J. Haynes presented at the NASA GSFC Climate & Environmental Health monthly meeting, and H. Chapman presented *Publishing the Sciences* for the NASA ESD undergraduate summer internship experience (32 interns).
- **Georgetown University:** J. Haynes and H. Chapman gave a lecture, *Spatialization and Dynamics of COVID-19 and other Infectious and Vector-borne Diseases: Advances in Remote Sensing*, as part of the Interdisciplinary Seminars in Global Infectious Diseases course (15 students).
- **Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences:** H. Chapman presented *Using Earth Observations to Enhance Public Health Surveillance* for the Journal Club of Occupational and Environmental Medicine and Preventive Medicine residency programs (30 physicians).
NASA celebrates International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies

Each September, the International Day of Clean Air, recognized by the United Nations, aims to increase awareness about air quality. On the International Day of Clean Air for blue skies 2021, the NASA HAQ and Communications Teams posted a feature on the NASA Applied Sciences Program website to highlight the two-fold challenge of health and climate impacts to achieve a healthy planet. The article shared two multidisciplinary collaborations between air quality scientists and community stakeholders: Tracking Air Quality with TRACER-AQ (TRACER-AQ) and the NASA Health and Air Quality Applied Sciences Team (HAQAST).

Looking Ahead

ARSET Trainings:
Introduction to NASA Resources for Climate Change Applications
September 29 – October 6, 2021

Virtual and Hybrid Meetings:
A&WMA Visibility Conference
October 5-8, 2021
HAQ Annual Team Meeting
October 12 and 20, 2021
American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo
October 24-27, 2021
American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting
December 13-17, 2021

One Health in the News

In August 2021, the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs sponsored 10 participants representing six countries for the International Visitor Leadership Program on Global Health Security and Combating Infectious Diseases. Participants engaged with experts through interactive roundtables, lectures, and discussions. John Haynes (NASA HQ) and Helena Chapman (NASA HQ/BAH) offered talks that highlighted innovative applications of NASA Earth observations to examine ecosystem risks that influence the global spread of infectious diseases. Participants learned about the One Health concept and the value of multidisciplinary collaborations that leverage expertise to address global health priorities.

Recent Communications

NASA
- NASA Study Examines Houston-area Air Quality Issues (Joe Atkinson, NASA LaRC)

NASA Applied Sciences Program
- NASA HAQAST Launches Five Innovative Tiger Teams (Jenny Bratburd, HAQAST Outreach Coordinator)
LAUNCH OF LANDSAT 9

Landsat 9—a partnership between NASA and the U.S. Geological Survey—was successfully launched from Vandenberg Space Force Base on September 27, 2021. This mission will continue the Landsat program’s critical role since the 1970s in monitoring, understanding and managing the land resources needed to sustain human life. The instruments aboard—the Operational Land Imager 2 (OLI-2) and the Thermal Infrared Sensor 2 (TIRS-2)—will measure 11 wavelengths of light reflected or radiated off Earth’s surface.

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Integrated Assessment of Global Climate, Air Pollution, and Dietary, Malnutrition and Obesity Health Impacts of Food Production and Consumption between 2014 and 2018. Environmental Research Communications. (C.S. Malley...S.C. Anenberg, B. Mantlana, T.P. Robinson)
Intensity and Frequency of Extreme Novel Epidemics. PNAS. (M. Marani, G.G. Katul, W.K. Pan, A.J. Parolari)
The Association between Outdoor Artificial Light at Night and Breast Cancer Risk in Black and White Women in the Southern Community Cohort Study. Environmental Health Perspectives. (Q. Xiao, G.L. Gierach, C. Baure, W.J. Blot, P. James, R.R. Jones)