

# NASA Health and Air Quality

remote sensing for public health

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Photos by Shobhana Gupta

## John Haynes and Ali Omar share NASA's measurements and models with participants at the Air and Waste Management Association Annual Conference and Exhibition in New Orleans, LA.

NASA HAQ also hosted a Technical Panel, with speakers John Haynes, Luca Delle Monache (NCAR), and Ali Omar, discussing NASA's satellite and sub-orbital measurements and models that are used to address air quality and health applications. These resources can be accessed at [NASA's Data Portal](#).

## upcoming:

**ARSET Webinars:**  
**Introduction to Satellite Remote Sensing for Air Quality Applications**  
July 6-Aug 3, 2016

(Also check out the recently aired:  
**Fundamentals of Satellite Remote Sensing for Health Monitoring**)

### Meetings:

**HAQ Annual Team Meeting**  
September 20-21, 2016  
Asheville, NC

## Our Research in the News

- MODIS aerosol optical depth data shows substantial PM2.5 particles in the Indian Subcontinent. **Bloomberg News.**
- Landsat 8 captures toxic algal blooms in Florida's Lake Okeechobee. **ABC News.**



Photo from NASA Earth Observatory

- Airborne mission ATom aims to map atmospheric pollutants, including methane and ozone, over oceans. **Phys Org.**

## HEALTH AND AIR QUALITY TEAM APPLIED SCIENCES PROGRAM

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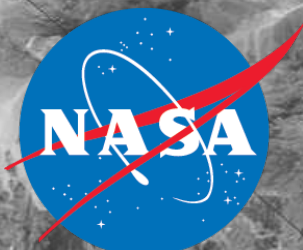
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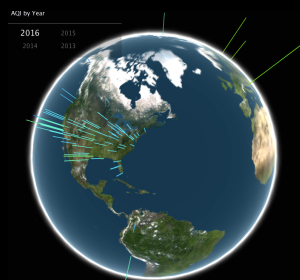
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## INNOVATION SPACE

A catalog of innovations from the community featuring the use of Open Data through NASA Challenges. Examples include SPACETREK, an open source virtual reality educational game that allows viewers to explore the Earth, and beyond!, and Prism (pictured), to visualize correlations between atmospheric particle pollution and human health.



## publication

[Smoke in the City: How Often and Where Does Smoke Impact Summertime Ozone in the United States?](#)

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*Environmental Science and Technology*

## resources

for our community

### **ARSET WEBINAR SERIES**

NASA ARSET offers online webinars to help beginners and advanced professionals use NASA Earth science data and modeling.

### **OMiCC**

A community-based, biologist-friendly web platform for creating and (meta-) analyzing annotated gene-expression data compendia across studies and technology platforms for 24,000+ human and mouse studies from [Gene Expression Omnibus \(GEO\)](#).

### **CLIMATE CHANGE HEALTH FACTSHEETS**

EPA's informative brochures highlighting the health impacts of climate change at different stages of life and for certain populations of concern.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ECONOMIC ANALYSIS**

NIEHS's resources to assist with economic analyses, including an annotated bibliography tool to study key attributes of example cases.

## WHAT'S NEW IN THE FIELD?

### **RAPID ASSESSMENT OF DISASTER DAMAGE USING SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITY**

*Science*

**March 11, 2016**

Analysis by Kryvasheyeu et. al. demonstrates a strong relationship between proximity to Hurricane Sandy's path and hurricane-related social media activity, and a strong correlation between per-capita Twitter activity with per-capita damage inflicted by the hurricane.

### **ASSOCIATION BETWEEN AIR POLLUTION AND CORONARY ARTERY CALCIFICATION WITHIN SIX METROPOLITAN AREAS IN THE USA (THE MULTI-ETHNIC STUDY OF ATHEROSCLEROSIS AND AIR POLLUTION) A LONGITUDINAL COHORT STUDY**

*Lancet*

**May 24, 2016**

Kaufman et al. describe the relationship between long-term exposure to increased PM2.5 and traffic-related air pollution within metropolitan areas to progression of coronary artery calcium and common carotid artery intima-media thickness, consistent with acceleration of atherosclerosis.

### **EFFECTS OF LANDSCAPE ANTHROPIZATION ON MOSQUITO COMMUNITY COMPOSITION AND ABUNDANCE**

*Scientific Reports*

**July 4, 2016**

Ferraguti et. al. identify anthropogenic habitats with high human population density to be closely associated with decreased mosquito abundance and species richness.

## NASA EARTH SCIENCE APPLIED SCIENCES PROGRAM 2015 ANNUAL REPORT IS HERE!

