

# Improving Our Nation's Clean Air Program: National Association of Clean Air Agencies Recommendations to the Biden/Harris Administration



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The National Association of Clean Air Agencies (“NACAA”) issued a January 15th position paper titled:

*Improving Our Nation’s Clean Air Program: Recommendations from the National Association of Clean Air Agencies to President-Elect Biden’s and Vice President-Elect Harris’ Administration (“Position Paper”)*

The *Position Paper* offers recommendations for consideration for what it describes as “key issues associated with our nation’s clean air and climate programs.”

The NACAA describes itself as the:

. . . national, non-partisan, nonprofit association of 153 air pollution control agencies in 41 states, including 115 local air agencies, the District of Columbia, and four territories.

By way of introduction, the *Position Paper* notes that the Clean Air Act provides state and local governments the primary role in preventing and addressing air emissions. Nevertheless, the organization states it views itself as a partner in EPA’s efforts to address what it describes as seven priority recommendations, which include:

1. Center Environmental Justice
2. Respect State and Local Authorities as a Pillar of the Clean Air Act
3. Ensure Scientific and Technical Integrity for Core EPA Actions
4. Advance New EPA Programs to Protect Public Health and the Environment and Address Climate Change
5. Reset Permitting and Enforcement Priorities to Emphasize Public Health and Equity
6. Improve Technical Assistance to State and Local Air Agencies
7. Address the Urgent Need for Significant Increases in Federal Funding

A copy of the Position Paper can be downloaded [here](#).