

# Joint Energy & Air Quality

- Opportunities for the Energy Cluster and Air Quality Workgroup to work together?
  - Transferring lessons learned from AQWG to EC?
  - Climate-Energy-Air Quality topics to address
    - Scientific issues
    - What are government agencies, universities, business challenges
    - Information interoperability
    - ...

# The Air Quality Working Group at Five Years



# Kicking it off

- The NASA REASoN program included requirement for at least 0.25 FTE participate in activities like ESIP and the NASA Earth Science Data Systems Work Group (ESDSWG)
- Air Quality was one of 12 Applications of National Priority as defined by NASA and one of 5 National Application Areas most frequently selected as an area of interest by ESIP members and stakeholders.
- An air quality focus group met during the 2005 ESIP Winter Meeting to discuss how ESIP might play a role in advancing the use of earth science data in air quality management. Interest is high within ESIP and air quality is recommended as a new **ESIP Air Quality “Cluster”**

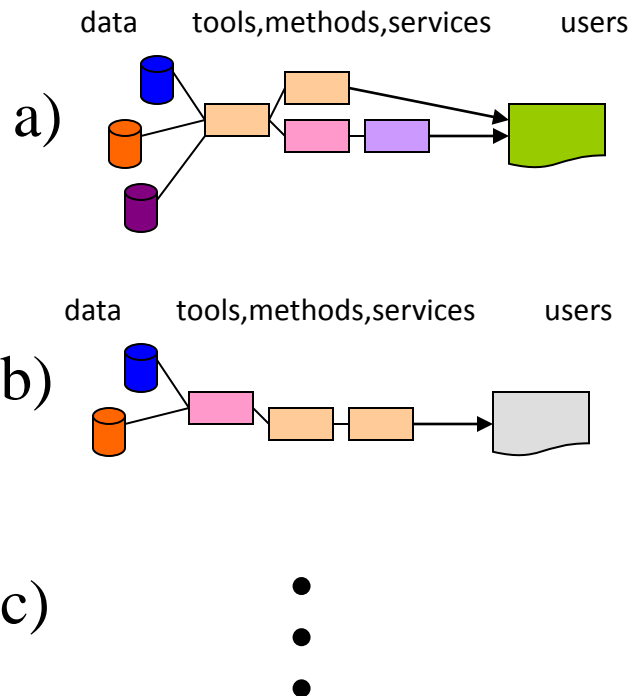
# Defining Objectives

The objective of the ESIP Air Quality Workgroup is to connect air quality data consumers with the providers of those data by:

- bringing people and ideas together on how to deliver ES data to AQ researchers, managers and other users
- facilitate and demonstrate the information flow among data providers to air quality consumers

## Community Building

brings together groups and helps **build links** among them in order to achieve an effective use of data in decision-making that could not be achieved by any organization acting on its own.



## Technology Advancement

aids in **reuse** of data, processing tools and other services so that projects, programs and agencies avoid the end-to-end burden of developing those capabilities or having to create the connections themselves.

# The Air Quality Web Landscape *(not comprehensive)*

## NASA Programs/Projects

- REASoN (Friedl, Moe)
  - WRAP (Ambrosia, Sullivan)
  - EDAC (Morain, Benedict, Hudspeth)
  - LAITS (Di, Yang)
  - AQ Web Infrastructure (Husar, Falke)
- ACCESS (Lindsay, Maiden)
  - Giovanni (GSFC – Kempler)
- DECISIONS (Friedl)
  - 3D-AQS (Hoffman, Engel-Cox, Prados)
  - RS for BlueskyRAINS (Sullivan, Raffuse)
  - Aura in AQ Forecasting (McHenry)
  - VIEWS/TSS (Shankar, McClure)
- AIST (Moe)
  - SAMITS (Falke)
  - Sensor Web Architecture & Demo (Mandl)
- DAACS

## EPA Programs/Projects

- AMI (Young, Keating)
- GEO (Young, Washburn, Lyon, Foley)
- AirNOW (Wayland, Dickerson)
- AQS
- OAQPS (Scheffe, Frank, Dimmick, Solomon)
- IDEA (Szykman)
- HTAP (Keating)
- Remote Sensing Gateway (Paulson, Walter)
- Environmental Science Connector (Kapuscinski)

## NOAA Programs/Projects

- Air Quality Forecasting (Fine, NESDIS)
- NGDC (Haberman, Kozimor)
- Hazard Mapping System (Ruminski)

## Forest Service Programs/Projects

- Bluesky (Larkin, Goodrick)
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## Mediators

- DataFed (Husar)
- Unidata (Domenico, Ramamurthy)
- CDE (Ambrosia, Sullivan)
- Giovanni (Leptoukh, Prados)
- LAITS (Di)
- RSG (Paulson)
- NEISGEI (Falke)
- VIEWS (McClure)

## Portals / Catalogs

- GEO Portals
- Earth Information Exchange (ESIP)
- Earth Observation Portal (GEO)
- Geospatial One Stop
- Environmental Science Connector (EPA)
- Global Change Master Directory (GCMD)
- ECHO (NASA)
- LEAD (NSF)

## Interoperability Efforts

- GALEON
- ESIP
- OGC OWS testbeds
- GEOSS pilots
- EPA Data Summit

## State

- Aura in AQ Forecasting (Lamb, Vaughan)
- RPOs
- Vermont (Poirot)

## International

- ESA/KMNI
- CEOS ACC

# ESIP Air Quality Cluster / Workgroup Timeline

## “Organic Growth and Evolution”

**Jan 2005** ESIP AQ Cluster initiated

**Mar 2005** ESIP AQ Cluster “straw man” created

**Spring 2005** “straw man” promotion tour to NASA, EPA

**Jun 2005** ESIP summer meeting – “straw man” refined

**Jan 2006** ESIP winter meeting – wiki created

**Jul 2006** ESIP summer meeting – project info exchange

**Jan 2007** ESIP winter meeting – project info exchange

**Jul 2007** ESIP summer meeting – group desire to create interoperable AQ community network

**Aug 2007** Cluster telecons started

**Nov 2007** ESIP-EPA-NASA NOx Workshop

**Jan 2008** ESIP winter meeting

**Feb 2008** Support to EPA Data Summit

**Apr 2008** EPA Community AQ Data System on ESIP wiki

**May 2008** AQ Scenario for GEOSS AIP

**Sep2008-May2009** GEOSS Arch. Implementation Pilot

**Oct 2008** Becomes the ESIP AQ Workgroup

**Jan 2009** ESIP winter meeting

**Jun 2009** Coordinated GEO Decision Support Proposal (with India)

**Jul 2009** Movement toward GEOSS Community of Practice

**Nov 2009** GEO-VI AQ meeting

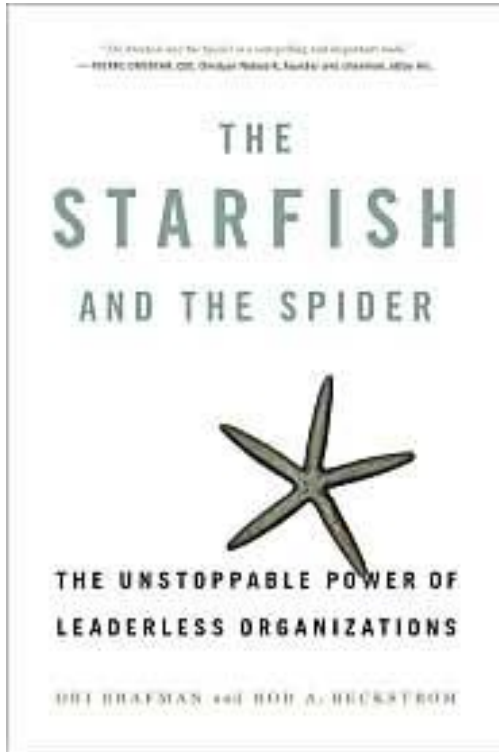
Brain storming

Community Building &  
Information Sharing

‘Continuous’  
Collaboration

Connecting with GEOSS

# AQWG: A Leaderless Organization



Ori Brafman and Rod  
A. Beckstrom, 2006

Key characteristics of a decentralized  
(leaderless) organization:

- **Circles**
  - Participants coming together with a sense of community
  - Low barrier to participation
- **Catalysts**
  - Initiates circle and connects people
  - Transfers ownership and responsible to the circle
- **Ideology**
  - Shared interests and vision
- **Preexisting Networks**
  - Help launch decentralized organization
  - Provide foundational platform
- **Champions**
  - Promotes circle ideas externally
  - Encourages circle internally

# Becoming a **Trusted Network**

- Cross-community forum
- Reliable resource for groups outside of community to connect with air quality community
- Air quality information infrastructure and use in GEOSS
- Information sharing across the community
- Defining best practices for community
- Building air quality information network