



WESTAR

Staff Reports

2015 Spring Business Meeting
San Francisco, California

Technical/Policy Program

Bob Lebens

Committee Support

- Planning
- Technical
- Ad hoc Work Groups
 - Regional Haze
 - Ozone NAAQS comments
 - Ozone Background/Transport

Future Activities

- Ongoing Committee Support
 - Identify/track current/emerging national/regional issues
 - Recruit new members/leaders
- Ad Hoc Work Group Support
 - Regional Haze
 - Background-Transport Ozone
 - Residential Wood Heating Change-outs

Future Activities

- Specialty Conference on high priority topic
 - WESTAR supports state travel
- Other meetings-
 - Topic of current/emerging importance
 - Planning Committee fall meeting
- Other meetings-
 - Committee/Work Group travel support
 - Regional Haze, RTP

Training Program

Jeff Gabler

Training Program

FY2014 Activities:

- 26 Courses Offered
- 51 Training Days
- 629 Students Trained
- 1341 Student Training Days

FY2015 Activities:

- 25 Courses Offered
- 57 Training Days
- 625 Students Trained
- 1250 Student Training Days

Training Program

Summary of FY2015 Activities

- Joint Training Committee (AAPCA, NACAA, EPA)
 - National Training Strategy Goals:
 - **Understand**: Understand the priority training needs of air quality agency professionals
 - **Provide**: Provide training opportunities that meet the priority needs of air quality agency professionals
 - **Utilize**: Utilize course materials that are up-to-date, accurate, complete, and easy to use
 - **Conduct**: Conduct all training using recognized subject matter experts and effective teachers
 - **Deliver**: Deliver effective and cost-efficient training through the use of existing, new and emerging technologies where appropriate

Training Program

Summary of FY2015 Activities

- Joint Training Committee (AAPCA, NACAA, EPA)
 - Training Strategy Action Plan:
 - **Course Update Priorities***: Process for evaluating the quality and currency of training courses and the material included in APTI-Learn.
 - **Gap Filling**: Prioritize and initiate a plan to develop training offerings to fill gaps, based on curriculum project
 - **Needs Assessment***: Develop and implement a process to determine the highest priority training needs on an on-going basis
 - **APTI-Learn Enhancement***: Develop and implement a plan for further enhancement and on-going maintenance of APTI-Learn
 - **Launch Improved APTI-Learn***: Re-launch an improved Learning Management System (APTI-Learn), including:

WESTAR/WRAP

Tom Moore

WESTAR Organization Support

- Planning and Technical Committees' support
- Monthly Council calls
- Administrative
 - Implementation for Drill Rig 1-Hour NO₂ Study
 - Staff support
 - Field sampling completed
 - Data review and analysis
 - Prepared paperwork for future studies in NM
 - Routine project reporting on:
 - PMDETAIL - Joint Fire Sciences Program
 - 3-State Air Quality Study
 - Drill Rig 1-hour NO₂ Study
 - EPA Regional Haze grant
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WRAP Organization Support

- Board & administrative activities - Fall/Winter '14 / Spring '15
 - Board calls (5), Tribal Caucus calls (6) and planning for April meeting
 - Outreach to States, Tribes, Local Air Agencies, Federal WRAP member agencies
 - Strategic Plan and Action Plan development
- WestJumpAQMS Follow-up one-day Workshops (10)
 - October - California Desert Air Working Group, Utah Rocky Mountain Environmental Health Workshop, EPA Region 9 Tribal Air Quality Conference
 - Dec. - EPA Region 9 briefings for managers and staff
 - Feb. - WA DoE and NW Airquest meetings
 - Feb. and March federal Air Quality Research Subcommittee meetings
 - March - Western Energy Supply and Transmission Associates meeting, Idaho DEQ and Region 10 Smoke Mgmt. meetings
 - March - Front Range / Federal Air Quality Forum
 - March - San Joaquin Valley AQMD - Trans-boundary Ozone Conference

WESTAR/WRAP Activities w/ other groups

Coordination, development, implementation

- Invited speaker at American Association for Aerosol Research on Fire Tools
- Uinta Basin Emission Inventory meeting / follow-up technical work
- w/ OAQPS and states/regional organizations on technical meetings - planning / execution involving western state speakers and participants, follow-up actions
 - Fires meeting - Nov. 3rd
 - Oil & Gas meeting Nov. 4-5
- Invited participant - Top-down / Bottom-up O&G Emissions Reconciliation Workshop
- Planning for upcoming Workshops
 - April 13-16 EPA Emission Inventory Conference
 - May 11-15 EPA-WRAP Western Modeling Workshop