

WESTAR

Planning Committee Report

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2015 Spring Business Meeting
San Francisco, California

Leadership and Mission

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→ Current Co-Chairs:

- Gail Cooke, New Mexico
- Tina Suarez-Murias, California

→ Air Directors Liaison:

- TBD

→ Mission:

- Identify air quality issues that have a direct impact on western states
- Ensure western concerns are considered in the national debate

Current Activities

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- Monthly Conference Calls (1st Thursday of the month)

- Key Tracking Issues:
 - NAAQS Revisions; Implementation
 - Requirements for Infrastructure SIPs
 - Exceptional Events Rule Implementation; Tracking Events
 - Regional Haze Rule Issues/Recommendations
 - Western Transport and Background Issues/Impacts

Recent Planning Committee Actions

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→ Regional Haze

- Progress Reports
- On-going Discussions with EPA on Revisions to Regional Haze Rule

→ Commented/Reviewing EPA proposals

- Proposed Ozone NAAQS
- Proposed PM_{2.5} Implementation Rule
- SO₂ Data Requirements Rule
- Proposed Exceptional Events Rule

Recent Planning Committee Actions (cont.)

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→ Tracking

- Carbon Pollution Standards for Power Plants, 111(d) plans
- Transport and Background

→ Maintain a resource table listing the status of exceptional event packages in WESTAR states

→ Developed suggested topics for EPA briefing agenda item at this meeting

In the Next 6 Months

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- Continue discussion with EPA on RHR revisions
- Continue work on transport and background issues
- Continue tracking issues; comment as appropriate
- Continue dialogue among western states on issues of concern
- Exceptional events
 - Rule revisions
 - Ozone and wildfires guidance