

April 8-10 Interactive Agenda

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Topics/Questions for EPA for Interstate Transport and "Background" in the West session

1. Ozone Transport and Background in general

- a. What are EPA's plans for consulting with western air agencies states on ozone transport, in lieu of April 8 meeting in RTP?
- b. Please describe technical assessments performed or to be performed by EPA to assess the role of background (ozone caused by non-anthropogenic emissions and anthropogenic emissions beyond each State's control) and ozone transport between jurisdictions - that western air agencies involved in ozone attainment planning can apply directly.
  - i. Will EPA provide technical demonstrations of how background is to be addressed in ozone attainment demonstrations?
  - ii. Please describe methods for determining ozone transport (see "c" next).
  - iii. What plans does EPA have to develop an applied research plan with western air agencies and improve tools for western ozone air quality planning?
  - iv. Please discuss responses to:
    - 1. Our two comment letters on the modeling platform
    - 2. EPA's plans for addition the 2011 and 2018 modeling from that platform; and
    - 3. Nevada's comments on draft EPA Modeling guidance - those which are broadly relevant to the West.
- c. Please review methodology for background and transport topics related to 2008 Ozone nonattainment areas (not details on results)
- d. Background and transport topics related to timing or implementation steps for 2015 Ozone NAAQS
  - i. What federal technical products could be expected with respect to ozone background and transport, to aid in planning requirements and when?
  - ii. What federal technical demonstrations or federal analyses will be done for states to use in excluding international transport and interstate exceptional events from the 1% impact analysis?
  - iii. What analysis has EPA done on controllable sources in the western U.S., for a more stringent ozone standard?
  - iv. What western sources important for future-year ozone air quality impacts are "held constant" or averaged in EPA modeling?
- e. Modeling for 2015 Ozone NAAQS implementation
  - i. How does EPA plan to address the global and regional modeling needs of western ozone nonattainment areas?

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2. Related Transport and Background questions (*cross-walk to EPA materials in these sessions at WESTAR meeting*)

## Regional Haze

1. What EPA technical analyses and work products are planned for the next full control SIPs for Regional Haze planning that states can apply, in terms of background and transport?
2. What years will EPA analyze?
3. What specific technical efforts by EPA for state use will be made for:
  - a. visibility projections
  - b. source apportionment
  - c. expected “on the books” emissions reductions by source category over the next Regional Haze planning period.

## Exceptional Events

1. What technical resources related to EE demonstrations for background and transport will be specifically provided by EPA?
2. What technical analysis guidance will be published and when?
3. Will EPA specify in advance which non-EPA technical resources are acceptable for EE demonstrations?
4. Can the requirements of the Exceptional Events Rule be sufficiently represented in modeling studies?
5. How does EPA see resources for EE demonstrations being made available for the user community, to apply standardized methods and data?
6. How could modeling tools and resources be made available and usable in a streamlined fashion to help complete demonstrations? How?