

# WESTAR Technical Committee

# SPRING BUSINESS MEETING UPDATE

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# Purpose of Technical Committee

- Discuss air monitoring, modeling, and emission inventory issues affecting western states.
- Collaborate with other committees.
  - WESTAR Planning Committee
  - WRAP workgroups
- Raise issues, with possible solutions, to the national level when appropriate.
- Conduct monthly calls, and email exchange of timely issues and questions.



# Membership

- 75 Members on Distribution List
- 20-25 people on the calls



# Topics Covered

## 1) Interstate Transfer of O<sub>3</sub>

The EPA Notice of Data Availability for the Good Neighbor Provisions Modeling for O<sub>3</sub> transport on 1/6/2018

The importance of background O<sub>3</sub>

Stratospheric intrusion of O<sub>3</sub> for some states.

Questions on the reasonableness of the 1% O<sub>3</sub> threshold, or 0.7 ppb.

## 2) Regional Haze

Reports to the Committee by Jay Baker and Tina on the efforts and status of the work by the WRAP RH Workgroup.



# Topics Covered

## 3) Exceptional Events

Discussion about changes in EPA policy and Sierra Club challenges  
EPA conference call on 14 March on alternate paths for the  
Exceptional Events Rule  
EPA draft guidance on Stratospheric O<sub>3</sub> intrusions as exception  
event, March 2018

## 4) WRAP support

Development of WRAP Modeling Platform (2014/2016) by the  
Regional Technical Operations Workgroup



# Topics Covered (cont.)

In addition to these core issues, the Committee has discussed:

## 1) Clean Power Plan (CPP) repeal and ANPRM

Joint call with Planning Committee

Different state plans to map and reduce CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions.

Good call with diverse perspectives from WESTAR states

## 2) Major Source Reclassification

Once in Always In

Potentially reclassifies Major Sources as area sources



# Topics Covered (cont.)

- 3) National AQ Conference in Austin in January 2018  
Sponsored by EPA, NAACA, and AAPCA  
MMIF (Mesoscale Model Interface Program) data discussion
- 4) Residential Woodstove Workshop 6-8 March 2018.
- 5) Update on the National Monitoring meeting update with Gordan Pierce



# What's Next?

## Continuing work with:

WRAP workgroups

WESTAR Planning Committee

Updates on progress on Regional Haze

Updates on Ozone transport

Updates on EPA Policy and technical guidance.