

Federal/State (and MJO/tribal/local) Technical Work Collaborative Group Update

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Who Participates?

- EPA OAQPS Air Quality Assessment Division
- MJOs (WESTAR/WRAP organizes)
- State Air Agency technical staff
- Tribal Air Agency technical staff
- Local Air Agency technical staff

No one is in charge; there is no formal approval process for determining adequacy of technical work in this group.

No consensus process for use of work, just sharing of knowledge, needs and availability of data.

What is on the agenda?

- 2016 National Inventory Collaborative (now its own group)
- EPA breaking news on the modeling/monitoring/technical analysis front—tools, platform development, analyses
- MJO emissions, modeling and technical analysis results
- MJO/State plans for use of EPA modeling platforms
- State plans/needs for technical analysis to support SIP development

When? Where?

- MJOs and EPA meet every 1-2 months via conference call
 - Coordination on technical issues to aid implementation for air quality planning purposes
- Larger calls with greater relevance to invite a broader audience including technical staff from state, local, tribal air agencies AND state air directors (yes, occasionally!)
 - Quarterly calls also touch on planning and SIP issues
- Periodic (every year or two) face-to-face meetings
- All are welcome to join

Why should air agencies pay attention to this group?

1. FUN!!
2. Air agency technical staff can provide information to EPA about agency needs and priorities
3. Technical work provides basis for SIP work
4. EPA can help states with emissions, modeling and technical work; states can help EPA to get it right
5. 2016 Emissions modeling platform development sets the standard for federal/state technical cooperation

Upcoming call to attend

- National Inventory Collaborative Oversight call—June 20 1 pm EDT
 - Workgroups for inventory sectors will be prioritize updates to 2016 inventories based off 2014 NEI
 - 2016 inventory beta version to be produced mid-summer
 - 2023/2028 projections to be produced late summer