

National Monitoring Steering Committee Report

WESTAR Spring Business Meeting
Seattle, WA
April 23, 2019

MSC Meetings

- ▶ “The NACAA Monitoring Steering Committee is composed of members of the Monitoring Committee who meet once or twice yearly with members of EPA’s Ambient Air Monitoring Group and other key EPA staff to discuss issues of concern to the state and local monitoring community.”
- ▶ Last meeting held February 27-28, 2018
- ▶ **Next meeting Scheduled for May 13-14, 2019 in Boston at NESCAUM**
 - ▶ (delayed from Feb. due to federal shut-down)

Photochemical Air Monitoring Stations (PAMS)

- ▶ EPA currently holding back monies for purchasing equipment for reallocation
 - ▶ FY19 monies for autoGC, ceilometer, true NO₂ purchases
 - ▶ FY20 monies for replacing older existing equipment and late implementers
- ▶ Enhanced Monitoring Plan
 - ▶ Due by October 1, 2019 for “moderate” or higher areas
 - ▶ Guidance memo now available at:
<https://www3.epa.gov/ttnamti1/pamsguidance.html>
 - ▶ Core activities:
 - ▶ Additional O₃ monitors beyond the minimally required
 - ▶ Additional NO_x or NO_y monitors beyond those required
 - ▶ Additional speciated VOC measurements including data gathered during different periods other than required, or locations other than those required
 - ▶ Enhanced upper air measurements of meteorology or pollution concentrations

Photochemical Air Monitoring Stations (PAMS)

- ▶ EPA working on 1+ year (likely 2-year) delay for required PAMS start date
 - ▶ Currently required by June 1, 2019
 - ▶ Verbiage from EPA for Network Plans (due 7/1/2019):

“Based on 40 CFR part 58, Appendix D, State air monitoring agencies are required to begin making PAMS measurements at their NCore location(s) by June 1, 2019. The equipment needed to measure PAMS parameters were to be purchased by USEPA using a nationally negotiated contract and delivered to the monitoring agencies. USEPA has announced that due to contract delays, the necessary equipment will not be delivered in time to begin making PAMS measurements by June 1, 2019. USEPA has indicated that it is working on a proposed rule to extend the start date of PAMS measurements and expects that this proposed rule change will be signed by June 1, 2019. As a result of the delay (insert agency name) will not begin making PAMS measurements at the (insert site name) NCore location in 2019, and will work with EPA to begin measurements on or before the final revised start date for this network.”

Questions?