



WESTAR-WRAP SPRING 2019 BUSINESS MEETING

*Planning Committee Presentation
Mike Morris: Co-Chair
State of Wyoming DEQ*

LEADERSHIP & OBJECTIVES

WESTAR Planning Committee Co-Chairs:

Mike Morris: State of Wyoming DEQ

VACANT: Position to be filled in Spring 2019 (currently seeking candidates)

WESTAR Planning Committee Objectives:

- *Identify air quality issues with direct impact on western states.*
- *Ensure western concerns are considered in the national conversation.*
- *Ensure Planning Committee meetings serve as valuable resource for members by developing agendas that cultivate meaningful conversations and relay information.*
- *Identify specific issues that are most important to Planning Committee members and develop dialogues and resources that consider those issues.*



OBJECTIVES (CONT'D)

Jan. 2019: Doodle Poll Gauging WESTAR PC Priorities

- *Poll developed by previous co-chair Cindy Hollenberg (State of New Mexico)*
 - *8 different priorities listed; 14 WESTAR PC participants responded*
- *Top priorities identified: #1 – Nonattainment designations and planning issues*
 - *#2 – Monthly summaries of new proposed rules*
- *Other areas of interest included PC meeting coverage of Exceptional Events demonstrations, Regional Haze/Visibility, Advance NAAQS protections, and various Stakeholder outreach approaches*



OBJECTIVES (CONT'D)

Putting WESTAR PC Priorities into Action:

- *Developing comments on air quality issues or rulemakings pertinent to western states*
- *Discussing federal actions that are not addressed in WESTAR comments, but impact western states: ACE rule; CAFE standards (how standards impact future year projections); discussion of federal shutdown and how it impacted planning; EPA Draft Strategic Research Action Plan; Integrated Science Assessment for Particulate Matter; NSPS for GHG Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed EGUs*
- *Monthly proposed federal rule summaries (beginning in Feb. 2019) reviewing various NAAQS-related rulemakings, as well as relevant NSPS/NESHAP rulemakings, etc.)*



OBJECTIVES (CONT'D)

Putting WESTAR PC Priorities into Action (cont'd):

- *Recurring updates regarding Regional Haze workgroups/WRAP workgroups (Tom Moore's quarterly updates on Technical Steering Committee meetings, development of products, etc.; RH roadmap discussions; Western Governors' Association Letter; WRAP discussion regarding coal-fired EGU retirement)*
- *Increased collaboration with Technical Committee (monthly updates from Daniel Bon; presentation on mobile air quality monitoring vehicle in CO – oil and gas monitoring)*
- *Coverage of non-regulatory work undertaken (Volkswagen Settlement planning; availability and application of DERA funds)*



AREAS OF FOCUS

WESTAR Comment Letter Efforts (Oct. 2018 – Apr. 2019)

- *Exceptional Events Guidance: Stratospheric Ozone Intrusions (Oct. 15, 2018)*
- *Exceptional Events Guidance: Revised High Wind Guidance (Dec. 12, 2018)*
 - *Exceptional Events Guidance: Clarification Memo (Dec. 12, 2018)*
 - *Exceptional Events Guidance: Prescribed Fire/Ozone (Jan. 10, 2019)*
 - *Residential Wood Heating NSPS NPRM Comments (Jan. 14, 2019)*
 - *Residential Wood Heating NSPS ANPRM Comments (Feb. 13, 2019)*

Planning Committee Contributions: Workgroups, development of letter content, deliberation of letter content on meeting calls, copyediting and review



FUTURE PLANNING

What's ahead for the WESTAR Planning Committee?

- *Continued assessment of ongoing federal rulemaking initiatives*
- *Assessment of recently-released EPA Guidance items (High-Wind Guidance and Clarification memo)*
- *Tracking wildfire/smoke management/Exceptional Events-related issues during the summer wildfire season in western states*
 - *Tracking any developments regarding the ACE rule*
- *Tracking final rule NSPS/NESHAPs pertaining to coal-fired EGUs*
 - *Review of 2016beta Emissions Modeling Platform*



FUTURE PLANNING

What's ahead for the WESTAR Planning Committee?

- *Tracking the EPA Regional Haze Roadmap commitment*
- *Regional Haze/WRAP Workgroup items/deliverables*
- *SO2 DRR verifications (and remaining area designations?)*
- *Dialogue regarding frequency of WESTAR PC calls; should they continue to recur monthly, or should we consider a less-frequent basis that provides member states with the opportunity to submit more robust agendas and develop presentations that will be more informative for listeners on the call?*



FEEDBACK

How are we doing? What could we improve upon?

- *Here, we welcome any input or constructive feedback to further improve upon the PC's operations and usefulness.*
- *Communication/coordination of comment letters; is the PC contributing at a requisite level, is there any other way in which we could contribute?*
- *Expertise on WESTAR PC calls: are we diving deeply enough into air quality issues to where the insights are beneficial for member states?*
- *Are our agendas covering a wide-enough breadth of air quality issues, or are there other areas that we are neglecting?*

Please feel free to email any feedback to Michael.morris1@wyo.gov. Thank you!

