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March 8, 2017
WESTAR Council Meeting
Conference Call Summary

The monthly WESTAR Council call began at 1:00 pm PST/2:00 pm MST/3:00 pm CST. Council members and delegates present included:

HI-
AK-Denise Koch
WA-
OR-Phil Allen
CA-
NV-Danilo Dragoni
UT-Bryce Bird, Jay Baker
AZ-Tim Franquist
ID-Tiffany Floyd
MT-David Klemp, Rebecca Harvich, Liz Ullrich, Annette Williams
WY-Amber Potts
CO-Garrison Kaufman
NM-Richard Goodyear
ND-Terry O'Clair
SD-

WESTAR staff present: Mary Uhl, Bob Lebens, Tom Moore, Jeff Gabler

Agenda topics:

1. Welcome to Gary Kaufman (CO) and Lisa Kremer (NV)!
2. Step through spring business meeting agenda (see attachment, Mary Uhl)
3. Background Ozone Workshop update (see attachment, Tom Moore)
4. Delay of the EPA-WESTAR-WRAP western modeling meeting to fall 2017 (Tom Moore and Mary Uhl)
5. NODA for national modeling for ozone transport SIPs and WESTAR not submitting comments (Bob Lebens)
6. Regional haze funding update (Mary Uhl)
7. WESTAR-WRAP governance workgroup kickoff (Mary Uhl)
8. WESTAR-WRAP annual audit kickoff (Mary Uhl)
9. EPA message of thanks for review of NOx control data (see message below)
10. Other items as time and interest permit

¹ Draft will be considered final upon review and approval by a majority of the members, typically on the next monthly conference call.

EPA message:
Hello everyone,

Thank you for your time and effort last fall to review NOx control measure data and related information for non-EGU point sources in the 2014 National Emissions Inventory. We received a great number of updates and comments, have compiled this information, and made the applicable changes to NOx control measures and unit design capacity data in the EIS for use in future analyses. If you choose to send any control measure and unit design capacity information to EIS in the future, please confirm that your internal database used to produce these submittals contains the updates you made through the fall 2016 effort.

The EPA greatly appreciates your time and attention.

Many thanks,
Robin

Call Summary:

1. WESTAR welcomed Gary Kaufman (CO) and Lisa Kremer (NV) as new air directors at their agencies.
2. WESTAR-WRAP Spring Business Meeting
Mary Uhl walked the Council through the draft agenda. Denise Koch asked if there would be opportunity to attend remotely; there will be remote access via webinar and conference call. We hope that the sound quality is much better than our fall meeting in Montana.
3. Background Ozone workshop
Tom Moore noted that we have about 65 participants registered for this joint API/WESTAR-WRAP workshop. Remote access will be available; please register so that we can provide participants with remote access details. The scientific team lead by Dan Jaffe of University of Washington is working on a journal article to identify gaps in knowledge and many will present at the workshop.
4. Delay of EPA-WRAP-WESTAR western modeling meeting
Tom Moore reported that due to Boulder-area hotels being filled and lack of meeting space in Denver in early June, this meeting will be postponed to August or September.
5. NODA for national modeling and WESTAR comments
Bob Lebens noted that while EPA completed CSAPR-type modeling for the west that may have many flaws, WESTAR committees haven't shown consensus interest in WESTAR submitting comments. NV, UT and WY indicated that they will likely submit state comments.
6. Regional Haze funding update
Mary Uhl spoke with EPA grant officers and they have said that ad hoc travel funding could be used to fund state contributions to regional haze technical analyses; as well, states may have additional money held off the top of their 105 grants to meet their contribution of \$100,000. Dave Klemp asked that WESTAR send out the analysis of

how much money it saves each state by participating in a regional process versus an individual state process. Mary noted that this was presented previously and would be sent out after the call. Denise Koch noted that Alaska has concerns about international emission transport to Alaska and may petition for reconsideration. Denise noted that their concerns are very specific to Alaska.

7. WESTAR-WRAP governance workgroup kickoff

Mary noted that a small group of state air directors, tribal representatives, federal agency representatives and local agency directors are convening to discuss WESTAR-WRAP governance and how the two groups can avoid duplication and streamline common areas.

8. WESTAR-WRAP annual audit kickoff

WESTAR's auditor was at WESTAR last week. Preliminarily, there were no findings. She will be communicating with Council officers and the Council will receive a letter from her at Executive Session at the spring business meeting.

9. EPA message of thanks for review of NOx control data

Mary noted that Robin Langdon at EPA had found WESTAR's participation in their request for NOx control measure data helpful.

10. There were no additional items.

The meeting adjourned at 1:37 pm PST/ 2:37 pm MST/ 3:37 pm CST.