

The monthly WESTAR Council call began at 1:00 pm PDT/2:00 pm MDT/3:00 pm CDT. Council members and delegates present included:

AK-Jason Olds
AZ-Daniel Czecholinski
CA-Rebekka Fine
CO-Garry Kaufman, Weston Carloss
HI-Marianne Rossio
ID-Steve Miller
MT-Liz Ulrich, Bo Wilkins
NV-Danilo Dragoni
NM-
ND-Jim Semerad
OR-Ali Mirzakhilili, Kristen Martin
SD-
UT-Bryce Bird
WA-Rob Dengel
WY-Nancy Vehr
WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Jeff Gabler, Jay Baker, Tom Moore

Agenda:

1. WESTAR personnel changes (Mary Uhl)
2. Fall business meeting (September 7-8, Missoula, MT) agenda items voting, attached (all)
3. Reactions to EPA's EtO announcement (all)
4. WESTAR Future Funding: status of convening a meeting with Peter Tsirigotis (Mary Uhl)
5. WESTAR draft comments to EPA on Ozone Transport Good Neighbor FIP, draft to be attached (Tom Moore)
6. Regional Haze planning for 3rd planning period update (Jay Baker)
7. Other items as time and interest permit

Minutes:

1. WESTAR personnel changes

Mary Uhl announced Tom Moore's resignation from WESTAR. WESTAR thanks Tom for his many years of service and outstanding contributions to improving western air quality. A job advertisement should be available soon.

2. Fall business meeting (September 7-8, Missoula, MT) agenda items voting
 1. Environmental Justice-7
 - Innovative state EJ programs
 - Integrating EJ and sustainability goals
 - Justice 40 screening tool
 2. NAAQS review-4
 3. PM_{2.5} nonattainment areas in the west, source sector and fuel contribution analyses, health impacts-4
 4. Wildfire-8
 - health impacts of persistent and/or extreme wildfire events
 - Western trends in monitoring
 - Exceptional events
 - FS plans/management-congressional action
 - Prescribed fire and smoke management plans/collaboratives
 - Smoke-ready communities
 - Update from Missoula fire sciences lab
 5. Wood heating—wood and pellet stoves, outdoor boilers-1
 - Educating consumers on optimal operations
 - Update on EPA actions regarding testing results
 6. Satellite data mapping tools-2
 - Carbon mapper for quantifying and tracking methane and CO₂
 - Analysis of high pollution events
 - Exceptional events
 7. Community monitoring and sensors-5
 - Localized events
 - Locating fugitive emissions
 - EJ and community monitoring
 8. Climate Change hazards and vulnerabilities (Wildfire, Drought, etc.)-3
 9. Using health impacts assessments to inform policy decisions-2
 10. Improving emissions inventories-3

11. Regional haze planning round 3
12. Professional development (mentoring leaders, improving public participation processes, etc.)-3
13. Field trip on Friday morning to Confederated Salish and Kootenai Buffalo refuge or Missoula fire lab—Fire lab-6

3. Reactions to EPA's EtO announcement

Question was asked as to whether the states had opportunity to respond to EPA's announcement. What made EtO different from other hazardous/toxic air pollutants? Utah has 2 facilities with EtO emissions and has been aware of this issue since the beginning. Surprisingly, communities near the sources have paid little attention. Utah DEQ has a grant from EPA to monitor the facilities.

EPA has delayed publishing the risk map that was planned to go live on June 7. EPA and Utah DEQ have connected, and EPA has been involved in Utah. Utah has appreciated the expertise and experience EPA has brought to the process.

Colorado has had positive experiences working with EPA on EtO. EPA kept CDPHE informed proactively. CDPHE has done a lot of outreach in communities with EtO emissions, but there is little public interest. The source has reduced emissions as much as possible, but risk level remains high even with low emissions and at a great distance from the facility.

Washington conducted an EtO monitoring study last summer. The background is low. The question is whether the EPA framework for reducing EtO emissions will be effective.

It was noted that the minimum detection limit for EtO with the TO-15 method is above the risk level of 1 per million. EPA is working on monitoring methods with a lower detection limit.

4. WESTAR Future Funding: status of convening a meeting with Peter Tsirigotis

Mary received an email from Mike Koerber that EPA funding is lower than expected and EPA is having to defer some of their projects, so it is unlikely funding would be available to WESTAR for modeling or exceptional events. Some members were unsurprised, but EPA has noted the value of the IWDW. CARB noted that complexities of western air quality have grown significantly in the past 30 years and funding should be increased. It was noted that the OTC

receives \$600,000 for year; now that the west is part of ozone transport, shouldn't the west receive similar funding?

5. WESTAR draft comments to EPA on Ozone Transport Good Neighbor FIP, draft to be attached

Tom Moore explained the changes made to the draft. Comments are due June 21. Members on the call had no issues and thought the letter was well-written. Wyoming noted that they predict they would need significantly more time (to September) to analyze the data. A discussion ensued as to why WESTAR did not push harder for more mobile source emissions reductions. There are issues in how EPA engages and doesn't engage with states. Being opposed to the Good Neighbor FIP doesn't mean that states are opposed to reductions in emissions. Edits to the letter are due by June 15.

6. Regional Haze planning for 3rd planning period update

Jay Baker noted that Ross and Associates have been contracted with to provide facilitation for the WVPPI.

7. Other items as time and interest permit

No other items were brought forward.

The call duration was 60 minutes.