

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

AK-Alice Edwards  
AZ-Daniel Czecholinski  
CA-  
CO-Mark McMillan  
HI-Marianne Rossio  
ID-Mary Anderson  
MT-  
NV-Danilo Dragoni  
NM-  
ND-Jim Semerad  
OR-Ali Mirzakhilili  
SD-  
UT-Bryce Bird  
WA-Kathy Taylor, Martha Hankins  
WY-Amber Potts  
WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Tom Moore, Jeff Gabler, Jay Baker, Jackie Gadret

**Agenda:**

1. Update on Fall Business meeting (Mary Uhl)
2. AERR workgroup update (Jay Baker)
3. Regional Haze update (Tom Moore)
4. website update (Mary Uhl)
5. Wood stove/wood heating status update (Jay Baker, others)
6. Other items as time and interest permit

**Minutes:**

1. Update on Fall Business meeting (Mary Uhl)

Mary noted that early survey results indicate that the likelihood of participation increases as we move the fall meeting later into the fall. WESTAR is looking at a November or December fall meeting in Santa Fe.

2. AERR workgroup update (Jay Baker)

Jay noted that states were able to talk with Marc Houyoux and Henry Perillo at EPA and share concerns. States were able to get realtime feedback from EPA. The workgroup will likely finish a draft for workgroup review later this week. Issues raised in the letter include the need for more collaboration between states and EPA as changes are made to the rule and changes are made to calculation methods; timing of submittal conflicts with when data are available; some data collected by state and federal government is on a different cycle for collection than the NEI; and emissions models must be customizable and states must understand models. The letter will go to the Planning Committee and eventually to the Council for approval.

3. Regional Haze update (Tom Moore, Jay Baker)

Tom noted that we are at the end of the data delivery for RH results. One more results meeting will occur June 22 at 1 pm MDT. All RH planners have been notified. A substantial report of all the displays was furnished to the state at the end of May. The RH state planners would like to make some additional data calculations to normalize the data to match more closely to source apportionment results; this doesn't change results, but allows source apportionment totals to match the total modeled result. States do not have to use this normalized data. Tom encouraged the Council to ask their planners to look at attending the AWMA visibility conference. Abstracts are due at the end of June; would be great to have state participation at the meeting.

Jay talked about the NPCA and other environmental groups released a report critiquing the SESARM/VISTAS regional haze planning process. The report may shed some light on issues that may arise with RH SIP submittal and approval. Some of the criticisms of the southeastern planning have already been addressed by WESTAR. NPCA critiqued model performance, which is a difficulty for WESTAR as well. Jay will send the report out to regional haze planners. Ali asked whether NPCA has commented on WESTAR's work. NPCA hasn't provided anything in writing to WESTAR. Many states have had dialogue with NPCA regarding source selection.

4. website update (Mary Uhl)

Mary reported that WESTAR has a contractor working on updating and merging the WESTAR and WRAP websites over the next few months. As we have drafts to share with the membership for review, we will share those.

5. Wood stove/wood heating status update (Jay Baker, others)

EPA has reached out to manufacturers on test reports where retesting may be possible. EPA is working toward revision of the cord wood test method. Over the next 2 years, the test method will be developed. After the test method is developed, the rule proposal will take another 2 years.

Alice Edwards noted that EPA is working model by model and manufacturer by manufacturer to address test report issues. Alaska has a list of issues that EPA has concurred with except for 3 cases; EPA has added 12 more issues. Alaska is working through the EPA list to see if they concur. Alaska updates their list every month; there are 31 models for cord wood on the list and 43 pellet stoves on the approved list. Other states have been looking at those lists to try to identify cleanest devices with underlying documentation; there may be some cordwood stoves

that may come off the Alaska list in the future. Alaska is looking for options for manufacturers to validate their certification results. If other states have questions about the Alaska list, Alice is happy to talk about it. It will be several months before any stoves are removed from the list as Alaska reviews EPA's work.

Martha asked what Alaska is hearing from manufacturers. Many have come and visited Alaska DEC; some take issue with DEC's analysis. Alaska has always talked with manufacturers prior to public posting. There is concern over the multi-state request for EPA to revoke the ASTM method.

6. Other items as time and interest permit

Jeff Gabler reminded the Council of the training needs survey for 2022. Alice asked about in-person training for the rest of the year. Jeff is ready to begin in-person training and is waiting for states to be able to host. EPA NACT courses will be virtual through the end of this year.

The call duration was 50 minutes.