

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-  
HI-Marianne Rossio  
ID-Tiffany Floyd  
MT-Liz Ullrich  
NV-Danilo Dragoni  
NM-  
ND-  
OR-Ali Mirzakhilili  
SD-Rick Boddicker  
UT-Bryce Bird  
WA-Rob Dengel  
WY-Nancy Vehr  
WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Jeff Gabler, Jay Baker, Jackie Gadret

Agenda:

1. Reminder for fall business meeting, draft agenda attached (Mary Uhl)
2. MJO/State efforts on review of EPA NEI data, proposal to EPA attached (Mary Uhl, Jay Baker)
3. Western Governors Air Resolution renewal, current resolution attached (Mary Uhl)
4. Other items as time and interest permit

Minutes:

1. Reminder for fall business meeting, draft agenda attached  
Mary noted that masks will be required for the meeting and registration should be up in the next week or so; she'll send an email with the registration link. Ali noted that the agenda wasn't remote-friendly; Mary said that WESTAR is trying to remain agile in our planning and may adjust in relation to the number of attendees in person and remote.
2. MJO/State efforts on review of EPA NEI data, proposal to EPA attached

Mary reviewed the proposal to EPA put together by the MJOs. Highlights are for EPA to share the schedule, summarize the trends and alert states to assumptions and data gap-filling methodologies. Ali asked if EPA would share technical data and assumptions for base year and future years; Mary said that we have been working with EPA to provide that for both. Mary noted that data will likely be available for review at the end of September.

3. Western Governors Air Resolution renewal, current resolution attached  
WGA has asked for WESTAR input as they revise the Air Resolution. Mary asked the Council for input. Tiffany and Danilo asked that any input shared with WESTAR also be shared with the Council so that we can advocate for WESTAR priorities. Mary asked that input be shared with WESTAR in the next few weeks and committed to sharing input received with the Council.
4. Other items as time and interest permit  
Danilo brought up exceptional events as an additional agenda item, noting that there is a need to streamline and simplify the demonstration required. In Nevada, there has not been a day since June where the concentrations are below the NAAQS. Local agencies in Nevada have tried to engage EPA Region 9 in a discussion. Nancy noted that Wyoming is interested in streamlining opportunities for exceptional events. ECOS has been trying to come up with solutions to help states. Wyoming has concentrations exceeding Ozone and PM NAAQS for the summer that are related to wildfire smoke. Bryce brought up the need for interstate coordination and that this is an area that WESTAR could assist in. Danilo said that any initiative could help. It was noted that Ben Gibson had been exceptionally helpful during his time at EPA working on exceptional events. Mary said she would check with Scott Mathias at EPA to see who has taken Ben's position. Daniel noted that the court upholding EPA's approval of Arizona's EE demonstration came with a large cost and a lot of time. Liz mentioned that mitigation plans for EE are coming up as an issue with states wondering what EPA will be looking for in these plans.

The call duration was 43 minutes.