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**October 9, 2019**  
**WESTAR Council Meeting**  
**Conference Call Summary**

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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-Alice Edwards  
AZ-  
CA-Tina Suarez-Murias  
CO-  
HI-  
ID-Whitney Rowley  
MT-Dave Klemp  
NV-  
NM-Kerwin Singleton  
ND-  
OR-Ali Mirzakhali  
SD-Kyrik Rombough  
UT-Bryce Bird  
WA-Kathy Taylor  
WY-Nancy Vehr  
WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Tom Moore, Jackie Gadret, Bob Lebens

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome to Kathy Taylor, new WA air director, and Kyrik Rombough, new SD air director (Mary Uhl)
2. Fall Business Meeting agenda, last call for additional agenda items (Mary Uhl)
3. Fall Business meeting executive session agenda-call for agenda items (Mary Uhl)
4. EPA SIP Lean Guide and NSPS OOOO/OOOOa proposal out for comment (Mary Uhl)
5. Regional Haze update-release of EPA's RH modeling (Tom Moore)
6. Residential wood heating update--status of NSPS NPRM/ANPRM, EPA/WESTAR/NESCAUM spring 2020 workshop, EPA monitoring methods initiative (Bob Lebens)
7. Other items as time and interest permit

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

## Meeting Minutes:

1. Welcome to Kathy Taylor, new WA air director, and Kyrik Rombough, new SD air director (Mary Uhl)
2. Fall Business Meeting agenda, last call for additional agenda items (Mary Uhl)  
We have 47 participants registered for the fall meeting.
3. Fall Business meeting executive session agenda-call for agenda items (Mary Uhl)  
Ali suggested we discuss the SAFE rule.
4. EPA SIP Lean Guide and NSPS OOOO/OOOOa proposal out for comment (Mary Uhl)  
Alaska may comment on OOOO/OOOOa but may not align with other states. Wyoming may also comment on this, Nancy Vehr suggested that a WESTAR comment might not make sense. Alice Edwards noted that a WESTAR call for states to exchange technical information might be useful as states draft individual comments.
5. Regional Haze update-release of EPA's RH modeling (Tom Moore)  
Tom noted that EPA released national regional haze modeling on September 19. There is an EPA webinar on October 15 and will be followed by a WRAP conference call with Brian Timin at EPA to review the western results. WRAP results will be available for comparison in early 2020.
6. Residential wood heating update--status of NSPS NPRM/ANPRM, EPA/WESTAR/NESCAUM spring 2020 workshop, EPA monitoring methods initiative (Bob Lebens)  
Bob Lebens said there has been no change on the RWH NSPS; EPA has largely abandoned their deregulatory effort on this NSPS. EPA will likely act on pellet fuel standards. EPA has communicated they will not extend the May 2020 deadline for step 2 compliance. EPA has an initiative to work on the cordwood testing method through a stakeholder process to develop an alternative cordwood test method in 2020. The first meeting is January 15. Cindy Heil (AK), D Wu (OR) and Bob Lebens have been invited to the meeting.  
EPA/WESTAR/NESCAUM are hosting a Residential Wood Heating Workshop March 10-12 in New Orleans in conjunction with the HPBA annual meeting. Alice said Alaska is starting to test some European control measures that might be brought forward at this workshop.  
Ali asked if NESCAUM has been invited to the cordwood test method stakeholder meeting. Bob said yes.  
Tina noted that wood types are different in the west than in the east, so are the tests conducted in North Carolina representative of wood stove emissions? Bob said the current method allows the use of several different types of fuels, this needs to be analyzed to ensure that results are more repeatable and accurate.
7. Other items as time and interest permit  
Tina Suarez-Murias noted that Bob Lebens will be attending the IMPROVE meeting; it would be helpful to get a list of the different species that the IMPROVE committee is looking at changes to calculations. There is a desire for consistency because the monitoring data is used for regulatory decision making. Bob said this is a good point; the IMPROVE network was in place prior to the RH rule, and the data needs have changed

since the RH rule was established. Bob has reached out to the WESTAR membership to gather concerns about sites or broader IMPROVE issues. The meeting is the week of October 21. Bob will be on the RH glidepath call tomorrow to discuss.

Alice Edwards mentioned that EPA ORD is in Alaska working with soil remediation staff looking at PFAS contamination on a military base. ADEC has permitted a facility to remediate PFAS-contaminated soil and ADEC/EPA are conducting research into the efficacy of this technique; if this is of interest to other states, ADEC/EPA could make a presentation. Mary Uhl noted that NM and CO have had PFAS issues. Tina noted CA may have some potentially contaminated sites. Ali said he would be interested. Alice said results may be available in early 2020.

The call duration was 40 minutes.