

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:

AK-Cindy Heil  
AZ-Daniel Czecholinski  
CA-  
CO-  
HI-  
ID-Tiffany Floyd  
MT-Bo Wilkins  
NV-Danilo Dragoni  
NM-  
ND-  
OR-  
SD-  
UT-Bryce Bird  
WA-Rob Dengel  
WY-Nancy Vehr  
WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Jeff Gabler, Jay Baker, Jackie Gadret, Tom Moore

Agenda:

1. Fall Business meeting agenda review (attached), questions for EPA to address at the meeting, business meeting lightning round, items for Executive session (Mary Uhl)
2. EPA Oil and Gas draft rule proposal summary (Tom Moore)
3. GAO work on EPA's wildfire smoke risk mitigation (Mary Uhl and Tom Moore)
4. Reminder of 12/17 deadline for comments on EPA's 2016v2 emissions data (Mary Uhl)
5. Ozone transport SIPs and EPA modeling (Mary Uhl)
6. Regional Haze/Visibility Initiative summary (Jay Baker)
7. Other items as time and interest permits-switching to Teams for Council calls

Minutes:

1. Fall Business meeting agenda review (attached), questions for EPA to address at the meeting, business meeting lightning round, items for Executive session

Mary Uhl reviewed the agenda and logistics for the fall business meeting. Additional questions for EPA suggested:

- Provide an update on certification for woodstoves
- The recent infrastructure bill contains \$15 million of the wood stove program; how will this be used?
- Regional modeling and the 2016 v2 platform—western states continue to be impacted by east coast court-ordered deadlines. Is there a way to change this?
- What is EPA doing to follow up on previous commitments to understand ozone formation in the west?

It was suggested that WESTAR share the questions from the technical and planning committees with the Council; Mary will send these to the Council.

2. EPA Oil and Gas draft rule proposal summary

Tom Moore summarized the proposal announced November 1. The proposal builds upon the Obama administration rules and aims to achieve a 75% reduction. The proposal addresses new and existing sources. There is a 60-day comment period and virtual public hearing will be held November 30 and December 1. Some training has been scheduled for communities and tribes. WESTAR will draft a comment letter for Council consideration.

3. GAO work on EPA's wildfire smoke risk mitigation

Mary and Tom noted that GAO is interviewing states to investigate EPA's efforts on wildfire smoke risk mitigation. States interested in this effort can contact Mary and she will let GAO know.

4. Reminder of 12/17 deadline for comments on EPA's 2016v2 emissions data

Mary reminded the Council of EPA's December 17 deadline for comments on EPA's 2016v2 data release.

5. Ozone transport SIPs and EPA modeling

Mary noted that we do not yet have a schedule from EPA for national ozone modeling with the revised 2016v2 data.

6. Regional Haze/Visibility Initiative summary

Jay Baker said that the workgroup kicked off last week with one regional haze planner from each state. Later meetings will involve FLMs and EPA. The objective is to improve the visibility program, simplify the process and ensure states and federal agencies partner to improve visibility at Class I areas. Jay cited increased wildfire

smoke and international transport as issues to discuss. WESTAR will share the call notes with the Council. The next workgroup call will be in January.

7. Other items as time and interest permits

There will be no Council call in December. In January, we will switch to Teams for Council calls.

The call duration was 43 minutes.