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**December 11, 2019**  
**WESTAR Council Meeting**  
**Conference Call Summary**

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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-  
AZ-  
CA-Tina Suarez-Murias  
CO-Mark McMillan  
HI-Marianne Rossio  
ID-Tiffany Floyd  
MT-Dave Klemp  
NV-  
NM-  
ND-David Stroh, Jim Semerad  
OR-Phil Allen, Ali Mirzhakhalili  
SD-  
UT-Bryce Bird  
WA-Colin Stephenson, Martha Hankins, Kathy Taylor  
WY-Nancy Vehr, Mike Morris  
WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Tom Moore, Bob Lebens

**Agenda:**

1. Review/discuss draft WESTAR Cooperative Federalism letter (attached, Mary Uhl)
2. Regional haze rule consistency among states discussion (Tom Moore)
3. ICR for Regional Haze rule--WESTAR comments? (Tom Moore)
4. Save the date for Fall 2020 business meeting in Santa Fe--September 22-23, 2020 (Mary Uhl)
5. Other items as time and interest permit: NAAQS Air Trends, EPA/NESCAUM/WESTAR/NTAA Residential Woodsmoke Workshop March 10-13

**Meeting Minutes:**

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1. Review/discuss draft WESTAR Cooperative Federalism letter (attached, Mary Uhl)

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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.

Nancy Vehr, Tiffany Floyd and Dave Klemp have suggested edits that they will send. Mary noted that South Dakota indicated support for the letter as long as it does not change significantly. North Dakota indicated support, too. Mary will incorporate edits and send back out to the Council for final review.

2. Regional haze rule consistency among states discussion (Tom Moore)

Tom Moore provided background for state coordination on 4-factor analysis control decisions and reasonable progress goals for 2028. Many Class I areas will have contributions from one or more states, so state coordination and consultation will be important. WESTAR/WRAP will help to coordinate these conversations.

Tiffany Floyd said they have received all but 1 4-factor analysis and are working toward consistency with other states on cost/ton thresholds. How are other states utilizing BACT determinations?

Nancy Vehr echoed Tiffany's comments; there is a need for coordination and consistency to the extent the state can. Wyoming is interested in coordination with other states. Different regions and FLMs will make coordination more complex. Tom reviewed the "host state" concept; the state with the Class I area is the host state. The host state will work to set the reasonable progress goal (which may include an adjustment) in consultation with the other contributing states. The host state would initiate the call with the upwind states.

Ali asked if there is a forum for staff to discuss these issues. Tom said there is a "state-only" coordination group that only includes state staff to work on 4-factor consistency and goals. Tom will follow up with Ali to make sure Oregon staff are plugged in.

Dave Klemp noted that consistency doesn't mean identical; there are a lot of factors to balance, including contribution of international emissions.

Kathy Taylor said Washington is interested in collaboration/coordination.

Tom noted that exchange of information is important; this is not a prescriptive approach for the region.

3. ICR for Regional Haze rule--WESTAR comments? (Tom Moore)

Federal register notice on November 27 about the ICR for the state costs of implementation of the regional haze rule. EPA is asking for comments by January 27 on the ICR from 2020-2023. Since most of Class I areas are in WESTAR region, the RH rule is important in the west. Tom suggests a letter from WESTAR summarizing the costs for WESTAR states and outlining the western process for regional haze planning in the west. Nancy Vehr supports such a letter.

4. Save the date for Fall 2020 business meeting in Santa Fe--September 22-23, 2020 (Mary Uhl)

5. Other items as time and interest permit:

NAAQS Air Trends-Ali noted the increase in PM concentrations nationally from 2016-2018. Tina Suarez-Murias noted that while progress has been made with point sources, population growth is resulting in flat or increased monitored levels of pollutants in California.

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The call duration was 38 minutes.