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**March 10, 2021**  
**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-Alice Edwards  
AZ-  
CA-  
CO-Gordon Pierce, Garry Kaufman  
HI-  
ID-Mary Anderson  
MT-Fred Collins  
NV-Danilo Dragoni  
NM-  
ND-  
OR-Ali Mirzakhali  
SD-Kyrik Rombaugh  
UT-Bryce Bird  
WA-Rob Dengell, Martha Hankins  
WY-Nancy Vehr

WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Tom Moore, Jeff Gabler, Jay Baker, Jackie Gadret

Agenda:

1. Reminder of WESTAR/WRAP spring business meeting April 6-8; agenda attached (Mary Uhl)
2. Round robin--What are states hearing from regional offices about new administration initiatives? (All)
3. Overview of draft WESTAR comments to GAO on monitoring recommendations; draft attached (Jay Baker)
4. Training opportunities (Jeff Gabler)
5. WRAP State Board member terms; memo attached (Tom Moore)
6. 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. Reminder of WESTAR/WRAP spring business meeting April 6-8; agenda attached (Mary Uhl)
2. Round robin--What are states hearing from regional offices about new administration initiatives? (All)
  - Reviewing every rulemaking and action
  - Still in review mode, priorities not yet set
  - Able to get a redesignation request through
  - Pushing at NACAA committee meetings to learn more about 30-day review, but no information about that. SIP requests all getting HQ review.
  - Heard that EJ will be taken on more significantly as an issue.
  - Waiting for actions on items that should be published in FR

3. Overview of draft WESTAR comments to GAO on monitoring recommendations; draft attached (Jay Baker)

Small working group fleshing out some of the recommendations and want to point out specifically some issues. Funding increases will be important to maintain/expand the additional demands for monitoring; highlight the need for flexibility and remove unnecessary monitors/monitors that have become unnecessary; need for updated training and databases; need for air toxics monitors and sensors—distinguish important uses; need for clearer guidance on modernization of the network.

Draft letter to tech committee for review in the next couple of weeks. Letter for Council review in April.

Alice thought the highlighted issues are very relevant, looking forward to seeing the draft letter.

4. Training opportunities (Jeff Gabler)

A lot of work going on nationally on updating materials, compliance with ADA for online training. EPA and MJOs are working on this together. Three trainings are upcoming:

  - a. MOVES3 training—about 25 participants, probably offered in May/June
  - b. ESP, turbines, CAM and continuous monitoring systems—virtual, instructor-led training. Probably offered in June.
  - c. Title V training—offered by RTP, recorded course developed by Lynn Hutchinson. Heavily oriented toward legal considerations for Title V. Jeff will send out brochure and registration later this week. Questions can be asked, but responses won't be received during the course.

Jeff said that schedule is still be worked out as many courses are moving to online platforms and the pace of conversion is slow. Stay tuned as more information is available.

5. WRAP State Board member terms; memo attached (Tom Moore)

Tom reviewed the state board member terms. Two seats are available for state board members.

Mary Anderson wanted to give opportunity for other states to take her seat but is otherwise willing to continue for another 2-year term.

Ali noted that Jeffery Stocum is willing to continue his term for another 2 years.

The state members remain as is.

6. Other items as time and interest permit

Alice offered that if anyone wanted more information about the work Alaska is doing on wood stove certification. Alaska is meeting with OECA/OAQPS every 6 weeks; EPA granted approval of an alternative test method for wood stove testing.

Call duration was 43 minutes.