April 4th WRAP Regional Haze Planning Work Group call Minutes

1. Welcome and roll call – Jay and Tina (10 mins.)

Present: AK, AZ, CA, CO, HI, ID, MT, NV, NM, ND, OR, SD, UT, WY, USFS, USFWS, National Park Service, USEPA Regions 6, 8, 9, 10, WESTAR, Julie Simpson, Amanda Brimmer. Notes taken by Wyoming.

1. Status of 2018-19 Workplan – Frank (15 mins.)

a. TSC to prepare and use a “Key Check-ins and Milestones” tables to track progress by RHPWG and other WGs – Frank

* After receiving comments from the board, the plan will be to do a mid-course review (this year or early next year). Bulk of plan addresses regional haze, but also includes other things such as Exceptional Events. The work the RH group will do is mostly geared towards meeting the requirements of the rule.
* The Board review draft will be used to track the progress of all the workgroups. Attachment A has a description of the roles and relationships of the workgroups.
* Page 9-10 provide the Key Check-in and Milestones; there is a lot of activity and work that is going to happen in 2018.
* Goal is to have the screening and preparatory work done by the end of 2018 so states can have 2019 to conduct the four-factor analysis. States will have more than a year in time to submit in July 2021.
* Please look at Appendix G for all the activities by tasks.

* 1. Highlight key work by RHPWG and states in particular through June and regional modeling setup – Tom
* 2018 Q2 – What key items need attention? A small group needs to convene to get a Scope of Work/roadmap put together. This would be the first step in getting a Scope of Work put together for a potential contractor. Email Tom with a cc to Jay, Julie, Frank and Tina TODAY if you are interested in volunteering for this prelim task. **DEADLINE:** end of April 2018
* Quarter 2 of 2018 has a number of things to check in on. Contractor supported activity has a written description of what the RH Rule requires. Expect 2 to 3 months to work through this process. (The RH Rule is still under consideration by the current Administration). May want to use some the contractor support resources for this work. WESTAR would issue the contract and workgroups would manage the work products.
* Base year EI - 2014 NEI V2 is being used (released Feb 2018). EI subgroup will need to review the baseline data and regional inventory in the next couple of months. **DEADLINE:** Mid-May 2018 (6 wks)
* Begin draft modeling sensitivity run and testing protocols and determine what needs to be done with the model.
* States will review the data released by the EPA (available on the IWDW and the EPA’s EIS), to make sure the data is ready to go. The Emissions subcommittee will propose a timeframe (ideally middle of May) for states to complete the review.
* WESTAR/WRAP is working to get a staff member on board that will be dealing with the TSS system

1. Discussion about RHPWG Subcommittees – Tina and Jay (20 mins.)
   1. In-kind work, set up process for doing the work and defining deliverables and review steps – deliverables need to be endorsed by TSC after approval by RHPWG, and then shared with Board

* 6 Sub-Committees (from the December ’17 caucus) to being convening and working on their respective tasks.
* Each subcommittee will fill out the Subcommittee Structure document with key tasks, due date, and who will use it once it is complete. Each subcommittee needs a point of contact to coordinate with work groups who may need the subcommittee’s work products. Some committees will meet more or less frequently than others.
* EI, Modeling, and Control Measures subcommittee groups will begin working in the next few weeks. Some subcommittees will meet more frequently early on, while others may be more spread out over the project.
* RHPWG Subcommittee Structure document (attached to meeting invite) will be the form that each subcommittee uses to define tasks, assign point of contact, meeting schedule, and documentations. These documents will help keep the Chairs apprised of the work and schedule for each subcommittee.
* For each subcommittee, identify key contacts and cross walk them with the other subcommittees. Volunteers are needed for the Key Contacts for each subcommittee. Please email Jay and Tina with questions or to volunteer **DEADLINE:** April 4-5, 2018
* Next step – Kick off meeting with the Key Contacts for each subcommittee next week. Tina and Jay have three groups of subcommittees to meet with each other.
* Worst day vs Most Impaired Days – thresholds need to be

* 1. Contracted work overview and management process – same points about TSC and Board - Tom

1. Present remaining, “not already-discussed” portions of attached Regional Haze Planning update - Tina (see draft RHPWG SubCommittee Deliverables April 3-2018.docx, attached to the meeting calendar appointment, 10 mins.). Draft is the summary of the notes from the December Western Caucus meeting at the Regional Haze Workshop in Denver. The issues raised are items included in the Work Plan.

1. Announce April 13th webinar at 1100 AM MDT: “*Evaluating Source Contributions to Impairment in the Revised Impairment Tracking Metric for Regional Haze Planning - Comparing EPA estimates to CAMx PSAT for Natural vs. Anthropogenic contributions to IMPROVE aerosol extinction*” - Tom (5 mins.)

* Gail Tonnesen (EPA) and Pat Brewer (NPS) are working on a paper that shows the model predicts different contributions than in the monitoring metric. Need to get it in front of the groups to know what we need to consider when interpreting the monitoring data. There will also be an upcoming webinar (similar to the teach-ins).

1. Next call for RHPHWG and how to disseminate Subcommittees’ call info – Jay and Tina (10 mins.)

* We will begin posting meeting notes and information that has been shared to the WRAP website. We need to provide a record of what has been going on for the board and need to get the Technical Services Committee to review and approve work products. Not the same ability in the second planning period (not the same contractor funding) and it will be up to the states to resolve some issues in the second planning period.
* Need to schedule next call and subcommittee calls (Jay to coordinate). We will probably set up a call every other month (possibly the 1st Tuesday every other month).
* Next call: June 5th at noon MDT.
* Subcommittee meeting schedule TBD (Jay sending out Doodle Polls).