

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-Jason Olds
AZ-Daniel Czecholinski
CA-Rebekka Fine
CO-Garry Kaufman, Weston Carloss
HI-Catherine Lopez
ID-Tiffany Floyd, Aislinn Johns
MT-Liz Ulrich
NV-Danilo Dragoni
NM-
ND-Jim Semerad
OR-Michael Orman, Ali Mirzakhilili, Kristen Martin
SD-Kyrik Rombough
UT-Bryce Bird
WA-Kathy Taylor
WY-Amber Potts
WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Jay Baker, Rhonda Payne, Jeff Gabler

Agenda:

1. Vote for presentation topics for WESTAR spring business meeting, attached (all)
2. Review draft IRA comment letter from WESTAR, attached (Jay Baker)
3. Review draft IRA Residential Wood Heating comment letter from WESTAR, attached (Jay Baker)
4. Update on oil and gas draft comment letter from WESTAR on EPA oil and gas rule proposal/addendum (Rhonda Payne)
5. Update on progress on Council priorities, attached (Mary Uhl)
6. Other items as time and interest permits

Minutes:

1. Vote for presentation topics for WESTAR spring business meeting, attached (all)
Topics identified as high priority for the agenda include the IRA, EJ, PM2.5 NAAQS, wildfire, air sensors, and methane.
2. Review draft IRA comment letter from WESTAR, attached (Jay Baker)
Jay reviewed the key points of the drafted letter. The letter would urge EPA to use existing structures, recognize that many states have staffing shortages that will

make applying for and implementing grants difficult, and recognize that western states are geographically larger, making identification and communication with disadvantaged communities more difficult. It was suggested that the letter recommend an increase in funding to MJOs for data collection and emissions inventory initiatives.

3. Review draft IRA Residential Wood Heating comment letter from WESTAR, attached (Jay Baker)
Jay reviewed the draft, which supports the NESCAUM comment letter. The letter will be recirculated for approval after the NESCAUM letter is finalized.
4. Update on oil and gas draft comment letter from WESTAR on EPA oil and gas rule proposal/addendum (Rhonda Payne)
Rhonda noted that the deadline for comments is February 13, but NACAA has requested an extension to the comment deadline. EPA conducted a hearing on January 10 and January 11. Comments will be drafted to address areas where EPA is seeking more comment.
5. Update on progress on Council priorities, attached (Mary Uhl)
Mary reviewed progress made on tasks. There was no discussion.
6. Other items as time and interest permits
Mary mentioned the EPA Residential Wood Heating workshop will be held April 11-13 in Denver. More details to come.

The call duration was 51 minutes.