

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-Nick Czarnecki, Jason Olds  
AZ-Mike Sonenberg  
CA-Rebekka Fine  
CO-Garry Kaufman  
HI-Marianne Rossio  
ID-Aislinn Johns, Tiffany Floyd  
MT-Liz Ulrich  
NV-Danilo Dragoni  
NM-  
ND-Jim Semerad  
OR-Michael Orman  
SD-Rick Boddicker  
UT-Bryce Bird  
WA-Kathy Taylor, Rob Dengel  
WY-  
WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Jackie Gadret, Jay Baker, Rhonda Payne, Jeff Gabler

Agenda:

1. Straw Proposal on woodstoves and verification testing and decision for WESTAR letter of support, see attachment (Nick Czarnecki)
2. CAER call (all states and EPA) on December 14 3:30-5:00 pm EST, see attachment (Mary Uhl)
3. Reminder of WESTAR Regional Haze and Smoke meetings November 15-17, see attached agendas (Mary Uhl, Jay Baker, Rhonda Payne)
4. Future funding follow-up (Mary Uhl)
5. Update on Exceptional Events tool development (Mary Uhl, Jay Baker, Rhonda Payne)
6. summary of IMPROVE meeting (Jay Baker)
7. EPA Asset Management Proposal, see attachment (Danilo Dragoni)
8. Other items as time and interest permit

Minutes:

1. Straw Proposal on woodstoves and verification testing and decision for WESTAR letter of support, see attachment (Nick Czarnecki)

Nick presented a draft proposal for woodstoves/verification testing. Michael Orman asked how effective conversations with EPA OAQPS on measurements are and how OECA conversations on certification are. Nick responded that OAQPS is interested in collaboration with states on measurement methods, but OECA is not as interested. OAQPS has revoked the current test method. The proposal would help to add data for the new NSPS.

2. CAER call (all states and EPA) on December 14 3:30-5:00 pm EST, see attachment (Mary Uhl)  
Mary noted the CAER call between states and EPA on December 14 3:30 to 5:00 pm EST.
3. Reminder of WESTAR Regional Haze and Smoke meetings November 15-17, see attached agendas (Mary Uhl, Jay Baker, Rhonda Payne)  
The agendas are available.
4. Future funding follow-up (Mary Uhl)  
Mary noted that Mike Koerber has left EPA and there has been no response to the WESTAR letter on funding to Peter Tsirigotis.
5. Update on Exceptional Events tool development (Mary Uhl, Jay Baker, Rhonda Payne)  
Mary noted that WESTAR and SCAQMD will present the EE tool concept to EPA on November 30. Agencies can aid in the development by contributing R coders (all levels of knowledge are welcome) and exceptional events experts.
6. summary of IMPROVE meeting (Jay Baker)  
Jay noted that the IMPROVE meeting was held last week and for the first time, IMPROVE has a charter. Scott Copeland is the new/continuing chair and Tim Allen is the vice-chair. Jay Baker will be the communications and outreach chair. 2021 data will be available in November. There was significant loss of data due to the pandemic.
7. EPA Asset Management Proposal, see attachment (Danilo Dragoni)  
EPA's draft asks for comments by November 25. The EPA draft was released October 12 to develop monitoring asset management nationwide. Danilo noted that Nevada was concerned about some of the options. Red flags include that the requirements would be mandatory for all grant recipients; monitoring, fences, towers, and security infrastructure would be included in annual inventory requirements. NACAA is not commenting on the draft. Tiffany said ID has not heard

about the draft. It was agreed that any states drafting comments would share with Mary for distribution to the Council.

8. Other items as time and interest permit

There were no additional items.

The call duration was 49 minutes.