

The monthly WESTAR Council call began at 1:00 pm PDT/2:00 pm MDT/3:00 pm CDT. Council members and delegates present included:

AK-Nick Czarnecki  
AZ-Daniel Czecholinski  
CA-Rebekka Fine  
CO-  
HI-Marianne Rossio  
ID-Mary Anderson, Aislinn Johns  
MT-Bo Wilkins, Liz Ulrich  
NV-Andrew Tucker  
NM-  
ND-Jim Semerad  
OR-Ali Mirzakhilili, Anthony Barnack  
SD-  
UT-  
WA-Rob Dengel  
WY-  
WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Jay Baker, Rhonda Payne, Jeff Gabler

Agenda:

1. Fall meeting in Anchorage-review attached draft agenda, registration coming soon (Mary Uhl)
2. Review attached draft WESTAR comments to EPA re:vehicle standards (Rhonda Payne)
3. Review attached draft WESTAR letter to EPA on regional haze areas of improvement and EPA's revision of RH rule (Jay Baker)
4. Training update (Jeff Gabler)
5. Progress update on WESTAR tasks (Mary Uhl)
6. Other items as time and resources permit

Minutes:

1. Fall meeting in Anchorage-review attached draft agenda, registration coming soon

Mary reviewed the fall meeting draft agenda, which includes:

- Wildfire smoke session
- EJ
- Extended breakfast with breakout groups

- OAQPS update
- Modeling
- Residential Wood Heating Task Force Update
- Regional Haze

It was suggested to include a presentation from EPA on Title VI guidance in the EJ session.

2. Review attached draft WESTAR comments to EPA re:vehicle standards

Rhonda reviewed the key points in this draft letter; 1.) welcome emissions reductions in this federally-regulated category and 2.) the multi-pollutant approach is appreciated. Comments are due June 30.

3. Review attached draft WESTAR letter to EPA on regional haze areas of improvement and EPA's revision of RH rule

Jay reminded the Council that as of today, revision of the RH rule is still on the short-term unified agenda. Jay then reviewed the draft letter, which only contains recommendations where there was unanimous concurrence from all states. Comments are due June 23.

4. Training update

Jeff noted that the SIP training will be November 14-15 at the Duniway Hotel in downtown Portland and include some team building exercises. WESTAR is working on a leadership training for late spring 2024.

5. Progress update on WESTAR tasks

Mary noted that WESTAR is working on key trainings including leadership training that may assist with retention. The salary and funding survey are awaiting responses. Development of the EE demo tool is continuing and both draft WESTAR letters address the control of federally regulated sources beyond states' control.

6. Other items as time and resources permit

There were no additional items to discuss.

The call duration was 32 minutes.