

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-  
CA-Rebekka Fine  
CO-  
HI-Michael Madsen  
ID-Tiffany Floyd, Aislinn Johns  
MT-Bo Wilkins, Liz Ulrich  
NV-Andrew Tucker  
NM-  
ND-Jim Semerad  
OR-Michael Orman, Ali Mirzakhilili  
SD-  
UT-Bryce Bird  
WA-Chris Hanlon-Meyer  
WY-  
WESTAR-Mary Uhl, Jay Baker, Rhonda Payne, Jeff Gabler

Agenda:

1. ADMS letter discussion and approval, final attached (Mary Uhl)
2. AERR comment letter discussion and approval, amended version to be attached after comment period closes 11/6 (Jay Baker)
3. Upcoming training (Jeff Gabler)
4. 2022 EMP development (Rhonda Payne)
5. reminder to submit input for 2024 workplan (Mary Uhl)
6. update on staff exchange (Mary Uhl)
7. Residential wood heating litigation update (Jason Olds)
8. other items as time and interest permit

Minutes:

1. ADMS letter discussion and approval

There was no discussion, the ADMS letter was approved to be sent.

## 2. AERR comment letter discussion and approval

Jay noted that we are approaching the finish and a few changes have been incorporated into the draft. There was a comment that a “more forceful” letter could be supported by at least one state.

Questions and issues:

1. Are these state or EPA requirements for reporters? *The rule contains both. For example, timeframes for state review are accelerated. States do not have to collect HAP data; EPA will collect HAP data.*
2. Daily prescribed fire accomplishments reporting from non-federal burners is an issue.
3. Quality Assurance that states complete currently is important. There is skepticism that EPA will be able to assist small emitters.
4. NV and ID indicated they will be submitting state comments.

The letter was approved for submittal to the docket.

## 3. Upcoming training

Jeff noted that there are seats available for SIP training in Portland the week of 11/13/2023. Leadership training will be held May 14-15 in Denver; 2 seats will be available for each state. RFPs are out for 2024 trainings. There is an exceptional events workshop February 27-29 in St. Louis, MO.

## 4. 2022 EMP development

Rhonda reviewed the timeline for the 2022 EMP development. It will be important for EI and planning staff to review data for base year and projections.

## 5. reminder to submit input for 2024 workplan

Mary reminded everyone to submit any input for the WESTAR 2024 workplan.

## 6. update on staff exchange

The group has not met recently, but it was suggested that an exchange could be project-based. The increasing scale of prescribed fire might be an opportunity for staff exchange.

## 7. Residential wood heating litigation update

State attorney generals are collaborating on this litigation. Questions can be directed to Jason Olds.

8. other items as time and interest permit

There were no additional items for discussion.

The call duration was 46 minutes.