

Recap of the August 19, 2008 -- NW-AIRQUEST Conference Call

On the call:

- Oregon (Chris and Phil)
- Washington (Clint, Sally, and Jeff)
- Idaho (Bruce, Rick, and Chris)
- EPA (Bob and Rob)
- Nez Perce - (Julie)
- Environment Canada (Colin)
- National Park Service - (Elizabeth)
- PSCAA - (Kathy)

Conference Call Agenda Items:

Approval of June 24, 2008 Conference Call Minutes (Chris) -

- Minutes were approved and sent to WSU for posting on the Web site

Annual Meeting -

- Agenda being drafted using Joe's August 15 e-mail items and Rob's July 31 e-mail, as well as the business meeting items and anything added/suggested during this call.
- Schedule is set for a half-day afternoon on September 16; full day September 17; and about two-thirds of a day September 18.
 - o Business Meeting Section discussions:
 - Budget discussion, to include alternate funding sources and follow-up on them, issues we faced in 2007/2008 transition, and better ways to handle the budget and contracts
 - Election of NW-AIRQUEST Chairman
 - Invite suggested for Tom Moore with the WRAP
 - States/Modelers: PM2.5/O3 NAA and infrastructure to get work done
 - WRAP work and direction for future
 - Tie-in with WESTAR
- We went through Joe's e-mail on the agenda suggestions for sessions and individual presentation or discussions under each heading (See Draft Agenda sent out August 20, 2008)
 - o Added in items from Rob's e-mail
 - Strategy and scope of Boise's winter project, as well as recap of the O# speciation project from last summer
 - o Added update on STAR grant
 - o Added NW-AIRQUEST needs for Climate Change out to 2020, as EPA needs the group's input on this subject
 - o Added Phil's suggestion under PM Speciation to have state coordination on modeling, domains, tools, for PM2.5 nonattainment, per discussion at EPS's Modeler's Workshop
 - o Added Work Group Break-out Sessions on Day 3
 - o Added Sally's suggestion for discussion and finalization of the toxics list in the EI update for AIRPACT
 - Review of NATA 2002 being done by Oregon
 - Review of special HAPs/TAPs studies done in the region -- all that did these to send their reports to Sally (Nez Perce, La Grande, Seattle, Portland, and Boise)
 - Joe will be looking at practical limits in SMOKE for maximum number of toxics allowed, which may take some time to do in any depth or detail
 - If we run more toxics in AIRPACT, rather than fewer, we'd be able to save the outputs from the model and look at long-term exposure information rather than day-to-day looks

- Some toxics will drop out when away from cities in 12-km, but 4-km or 1-km may be useful

Curtailed Call Forecast Training -

- Will not be held in conjunction with NW-AIRQUEST meeting in Pullman, Washington
 - Mike Gilroy has an EPA contact (John White) he's working on this with
 - The training will be held in late October
 - Might hold this training in conjunction with the Sandpoint meeting at lake Washington near Seattle

Next Call -

- Nothing was set-up. We'll see everyone at WSU.