

MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: O&G GHG Technical Workgroup July 14, 2009 Call Notes

Summary

On July 14, 2009 the Technical Workgroup (TWG) for the Exploration & Production and Natural Gas Gathering & Processing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Accounting Protocol project held a project call. The call notice and materials are posted on the WRAP Calendar notice which can be reached via the “Meetings and Calls” link of the WRAP Project Website at:

<http://www.wrapair.org/ClimateChange/GHGProtocol/meetings.html> .

The first topic this date was discussion of the process to finalize the Task 2 *Significant Source Categories* report, followed by a brief discussion of the topics to be covered at the July 22-23<sup>rd</sup> Sacramento, California meeting. A new task was discussed to complete a more comprehensive analysis of mandatory reporting methods for the broader Western Climate Initiative (WCI) partners. This would go forward under a new Request for Proposals (RFP), with new bidding and contractor selection. Then we went over planning and logistics for the optional Ft. McMurray tour of Canadian Oil Sands production in Alberta. Participants on the call this date included:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Mike Schneider	New Mexico Env Dept	Byard Mosher	Calif Air Resources Board
Dennis Paradine	British Columbia	Joe Fischer	Calif Air Resources Board
Peggy Foran	The Climate Registry	Bill Winkler	Calif Dept of Conservation
Karin Ritter	American Petroleum Institute	Miriam Levon	American Petroleum Institute
Roger Fernandez	EPA Natural Gas Star	Reid Smith	British Petroleum Company
Jim Tangeman	Williams Production	Coleen West	Canadian Assc Ptrlm Prdcrs
Arun Naik	Shell O&G Company	Craig Bock	El Paso Explr & Production
Tim O’Connor	Environmental Defense Fund		
Steve Messner	SAIC	Sandra Miranda	SAIC
Rob Greenwood	Ross & Associates	Lydia Dobrovolny	Ross & Associates
Tom Moore	WRAP	Lee Gribovicz	WRAP

**Task 2 “Significant Source Categories & Technical Review of Estimation Methodologies” Report**

The first topic this date was discussion of the process to finalize the Task 2 *Significant Source Categories* report. Tom Moore sent a July 13<sup>th</sup> draft of this report with the call notice, along with a July 13<sup>th</sup> table summarizing the changes that were made to this latest draft. This date he gave an overview of the changes and went over specifically some of the change items. Tom noted that he

would like the TWG to use this table to review the report, and bring their comments to the Sacramento meeting next week so that we can discuss and resolve any concerns at that meeting.

### **July 22-23<sup>rd</sup> Sacramento Meeting**

We then discussed the topics that will be covered at the July 22-23<sup>rd</sup> face to face meeting in Sacramento. As noted above, there will be a couple of hours devoted to finalizing the Task 2 report, but basically that meeting will be devoted to moving forward on the Task 3 *Voluntary Reporting and Verification Protocol*. This task is specific to TCR's requirements and we want to make sure everyone knows what the well defined TCR process is.

The meeting will be held at the Citizen Hotel, 926 J Street (916-447-2700). The hotel and transportation logistics available at the WRAP Calendar meeting notice at:

<http://www.wrapair.org/cal/calendar.php?op=view&id=1641> .

### **New Task Development**

Tom then explained to participants that the Steering Committee has been working through what had been accomplished in Task 2 and looking at the elements of Task 3 that will be specific to TCR's voluntary protocol. They have concluded that Task 2 was very specific to the sponsor's (NM & CA) mandatory reporting requirements, but that we really need a new task to supplement Task 2 as a more comprehensive analysis of mandatory reporting methods for the broader Western Climate Initiative (WCI) partners. They have concluded that we need a separate contracting effort under a entirely new Request for Proposals (RFP), following a separate timeline to meet the needs of the WCI.

But the Steering Committee has been very pleased with the input from the TWG on this project and wants to have those members who can devote the time to remain as advisors for this new effort as well. Byard Mosher emphasized that he wants to use Task 3 as a stepping stone leading to the new WCI task, but he wants to review the participation of the TWG to assure that all stakeholder groups are adequately represented by active TWG participants.

Reid Smith wanted to know to what extent would the WCI Protocol harmonize with EPA's new Reporting Rule. Roger Fernandez noted that EPA is still taking comments on their rule with decisions probably to be made this Fall. But sponsors indicated that yes, they will use EPA's rule to guide the development of the new RFP as much as possible.

### **August 11<sup>th</sup> Oil Sands Facility Tour in Fort McMurray, Alberta**

Tom then asked Coleen West of the Canadian Petroleum Producers Association to talk about the planned tour of the oil sands production in norther Alberta, Canada. Colleen noted that she is a part of a Canadian O&G GHG Reporting Workgroup, and that she is feeding the process of this protocol development back to that Canadian Workgroup as it moves forward. She noted that she really wants

representatives of TCR and the TWG to understand the complexities of the oil sands production to assure that the TCR Protocol is functional for reporting emissions from this unique oil source.

She noted that we would start around 8:30 AM on August 11<sup>th</sup>, so participants would have to come in on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Fliers will have to change planes in Edmonton or Calgary to get there. She recommends the Sawridge Hotel, which is close to the Airport and across the street from the Oil Sands Discovery Center. She needs to have a count of participants soon so that she can plan for transportation. She has a van to accommodate 8 people, but if more come, then she'll have to change over to a bus. Thus TWG members were asked to notify Colleen if they are coming preferably by the end of this week, or at latest July 20<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to take pictures will have to have a "Camera Pass" and that does apply to cell phones.

Coleen noted that she will lead the tour, along with Bob Savage of the Alberta Ministry. The tour will follow a driving route through the stages of recovery and processing, but participants will not have time to enter any of the process buildings.