

Meeting Notes
Air Managers Committee
Conference Call
June 25, 2003
9:00 AM PDT

Participants:

Sandra Ely	Randy Ashley
Stu Clark	Dan Clark
Bob Habeck	Bill Grantham
Dan Johnson	Brian Gustafson
Lee Alter	Gilbert Gutierrez
Bob Gruenig	Don Arkell

Review of draft AMC workplan and budget

State and Tribal Caucus staff support

There was general agreement that state and tribal caucus staff support should continue through 2004 at about the same funding levels in 2003.

Alaska Tribal Outreach Coordinator.

A number of issues need to be resolved before hiring a coordinator. Some of the 2003 funds should be used to address these matters this year. Plan to carry over the remainder into 2004, expecting to fill the position as part-time in 2004.

Bob Gruenig will lead this effort, with support from other WRAP members and staff. Plan to use \$20K of \$50K in 2003 budget this year, and carry over \$30K into 2004. \$20K new funds will be added for 2004, for a total of \$50K. If additional funds are needed, plan to use Program Enhancement funds.

Health and environmental assessment of SO₂, NO_x, PM

There were questions about scope of work, contractors' capabilities, who could do the work, cost of project. Also the question of how such an assessment would be integrated with regional haze. Concerns were raised about populations to be studied, cost of attempting to assign human health, environmental and economic effects to ambient levels below NAAQS, and that it was unclear about work done already in this area.

Staff will refine this proposal, search current literature, check with the Economic Analysis Forum, estimate costs at various levels of analysis and add other ideas. Bob Gruenig will set up the first staff conference call. This project will remain as a placeholder pending further review by AMC of a refined proposal.

308 template

This project was generally favored, with questions on approach and end product. Tribal participation to the extent of their interest should be assured. Tribes would be represented on the project workgroup. Conceptually, the initial work would be to organize a workgroup of core individuals to develop a detailed workplan to assess what states and tribes would have to do to meet RH requirements of 308, including matching some of their activities to support the WRAP needs, then what legislative, regulatory steps might be necessary to implement SIPs and TIPS. It is not expected this will be a high-cost project, as state/tribal staff would perform most of the work, with support from a project manager. A small amount of leftover funding from the earlier WESTAR template project is available. Several other RPOs are working in this area, and there may be opportunity to share the project with other RPOs. Don Arkell will develop a budget for this project.

309 follow-up work?

This is an on-going mechanism to provide further support for the several 309 states. A conference among the 309 states is planned for mid-August to make sure they have everything needed to finish their SIPs, and to continue to coordinate activities with EPA.

Tribal traditional practices and regional haze

This is to educate WRAP participants about tribal practices and cultures and how they affect and are affected by regional haze policies. It is also for tribes to learn about each other. This project was supported. Randy Ashley will talk to Lewis McLeod to make sure the concerns he has raised would be addressed by this project. Bob Gruenig will develop a budget for this project.

Program enhancement

Leave this at about \$100K.

Other comments

Include only a consolidated budget table in the next draft.