TASK TEAM FORMATION

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REGIONAL COORDINATION OF SMOKE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

December 2004

ISSUE: The regional haze rule at § 309 requires the development of smoke management plans (SMP). 40 CFR 309(d)(6). Section 308 requires a long-term strategy including consultation with other states in order to develop coordinated emission management strategies – including SMPs. 40 CFR 308(d)(3). WRAP's 2002 ESMP Policy identified the development of SMPs as a required element of § 309 and as a viable tool for § 308 states. See Policy, pp i. Integral components of EPA-approvable smoke management plans will likely include strategies for regional coordination. Fulfilling the objectives of the 2002 ESMP Policy requires developing guidance facilitating regional coordination of smoke management programs (RCSMP).

TASK TEAM OBJECTIVE: Develop a range of options for conducting regional coordination of state / tribal smoke management programs. Task Team will present options and facilitate discussion at a conference leading to selection of a single, preferred option for FEJF guidance. Task Team shall develop final guidance outlining steps to implement RCSMP strategy. Initial conference is tentatively scheduled for June 2005 with guidance completed by October 2005.

Task Team to consider issues:

- Use of existing tools, e.g., EDMS
- Integrate state plans / regulations
- Identify actions / smoke mitigation
- Post-event evaluation
- Harmonize with existing regulations
- Mandatory vs. voluntary participation
- Reference previous guidance
- Interstate/tribe communication protocol
- Triggers for increasing action levels
- Harmonize with previous guidance
- Level of effort – How long? Forever?
- Available resources

PROPOSED OPTION MATRIX:

	INTERESTS / ACTIONS				
ACTIVITY	**STATES**	**TRIBES**	**EPA / FLMs**	**PRIVATE**	**PUBLIC**
Do Nothing					
Passive					
Passive-EDMS					
Active					
Active-EDMS					

BUDGET: $25,000