

Technical Oversight Committee (TOC) and
Technical Co-Chairs
June 21, 2001
Conference Call Summary

Those participating in the call include:

Lee Gribovicz, State of Wyoming
Pat Cummins, WGA
Mike Williams, Los Alamos
Dennis Schwehr, WEST Assoc.
John Kowalczyk, State of Oregon
C.V. Mathai, Pinnacle West
Wayne Leipold, Phelps Dodge
Cyra Cain, State of Montana
Bob Ramirez, Salt River Pima-Maricopa IC
Pete Lahm, USDA Forest Service
Mike George, State of Arizona

The call started with Lee Gribovicz giving an update on the status of the 1996 point and area source emission inventory. There have been issues with the Arizona point source information and Colorado's area source estimates, which are being resolved. Canadian emission inventories should be completed soon with all emissions represented as area sources, but there is still uncertainty as to when the data will actually be delivered. Mexican area source emissions, as well as about 18 point sources are already included in the inventory. As to biogenics, there is apparently little state data and no objection to estimating regionally so the Jump Start and/or Regional Modeling Center will pursue getting this done. As to future year inventories, those are still on schedule utilizing two contractors although an increasingly tight schedule.

John Kowalczyk then gave an update on the progress of the mobile source inventories, and they seem to be on time. The kick off meeting of the group who're supposed to recommend approaches for dealing with inaccuracies in representing dust emissions and transport is to be in Orlando, FL the week of June 25. The meeting is primarily to discuss a couple of EPA papers on the subject.

Pete Lahm then talked about the status of the fire emissions information. 1996 wildfire inventory looks like they will be about on time, i.e. by July 15. The prescribed burning component will, however, be late, approximately mid-August. Producing the 2018 inventory by mid-September is also problematic. Pete also raised the issue as to schedule at that WRAP management and technical participants apparently may have presented a bit of a different schedule to the Initiatives Oversight Committee. Mike George was going to follow up. Pete also discussed the pollutants of interest and that apparently the modelers are deriving elemental and organic carbon on the receptor end rather than in the emission inventory.

The group then tried to talk about budgets. The co-chairs of the forums and work groups were asked to come to the July 16-17 TOC meeting prepared to present and discuss budget needs. This will then be followed by a Planning Team meeting some time during the September 5-7 time frame to coincide with an IOC meeting in Seattle where the budget and work plan will be finalized toward official approval at a WRAP meeting in early October.

Pat Cummins also informed the group of a couple of Regional Planning Organization (RPO) meetings coming up. One is to be in St. Louis MO on August 14-16 and is supposed to focus on technical issues. That meeting is to set the stage for a broader focus one in Alexandria VA on September 11-13.

Next the group attempted to talk about a draft position description for a part time technical support position that Bob Ramirez and Mike George had written. There was minimal comment so further discussion was table until the July 16-17 meeting.

Finally, the agenda for the next meeting was discussed with few comments and no changes.

The call then adjourned.