



Date: March 31, 2006

Subject: Notes from TOC/Forum & Workgroup Co-Chairs Conference call of 3/3/2006

Attendance: Dennis Schwehr, Don Arkell, Duane Ono, Bob Kotchenruther, Alice Edwards, Doug Latimer, Kevin Briggs, Bob Palzer, Lee Gribovicz, Steve Arnold, Bob Gruenig, David Jones, Brock LeBaron, Tom Moore.

**PM NAAQS Letter discussion** - Tom Moore reviewed the status of the letter being developed by the workgroup (Duane, Tom, Don, Wayne, Bob P., Marc Pitchford, and others). In general there are a number of negative comments to the EPA about the proposed standard. However, there is not a consensus about the letter due to the diverse membership of the WRAP. The draft technical memo is available on the WRAP web site and States, Tribes, or others can use the information as they see fit to shape their own letters. One of the issues is the fact that no one set of comments universally applies to all of the areas. It was reported by David that NTAA prepared a letter and sent it to the EPA. Don A. has collected a number of pieces of technical information related to the standard proposal and that will be made available. Don felt States will not get a clear consensus on a lot of the issues but it is possible that focusing Tribes on RH issues may result in some consensus. The Air Managers will have a conference call on this in about two weeks, targeted at Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup>. The WRAP is also trying to focus their comments on the regional haze issues. Don A. reminded the group that the State's comments address on issues of health and implementation. Don A. will be drafting some comments for the WRAP's consideration focused on State's RH issues. Tom felt the direction that Tom and Don will have a WRAP oriented RH set of comments that could be used for the basis of a WRAP comment letter in the next few weeks. This will be based on the technical comments already drafted, plus information from Lee A. and others. Bob P. Dave asked for clarification on the letter that was sent out and believed it only addressed asking for an extension of comments. Duane O. asked about the WRAP comments going beyond RH implications and reminded the group that we need to focus our comments on the RH issues. It was discussed that Marc Pitchford's suggestion that the WRAP offer an alternative that the PM coarse standard be a secondary standard for visibility. This does not deal with the health based issues for PMcoarse and States that want to address health can do so as part of their comments. Alice pointed out that some States believe a secondary PM coarse standard would be difficult to administer as far as permits. Exceptions for mining and agriculture emissions is another issue with states and cutting the standards into a rural and urban is one major issue with many states. Don A. suggested that the Air Managers need to have a policy and implementation discussion addressing some of the non-RH issues. Monitoring for PM coarse was also discussed and comments on that issue needs to be addressed by States and the WRAP.

**Action:** Tom M. will send an email with the link to Lee A's presentation at the planning team meeting. Don A. will send the Tribal documents; STAPPA information and other comments and he will send that to Tom M. and that will be made available on the WRAP web site. David J.

will send out the comments from the NTAA to Don A. and Bob P. Don A. will organize a call of the Air Managers early the week of the 13<sup>th</sup> to try to shape up a State comment letter for the Board Climate Change meeting.

#### **Planning Team Action Item Review- Tom M.**

- a. Money will be greatly reduced in the future and projects were discussed;
- b. Key ongoing projects need to be completed and a review of these will be undertaken by Tom M. with the project team and forum leaders;
- c. Tom will prepare a summary table about the budget status to include in a future communication; and
- d. Strategic planning needs to be done to look scope out the 2008 to 2010 time frame. We have a lot of technical work to be completed in the next year but there is a need to look at the longer-term issues. Lee A. headed up a similar process in the past with Bob Saunders. Alice E. suggested it is important for us to scope this out early so we will be armed to have budget discussions with the EPA.

**Action:** Tom M. will meet with TOC chairs and Forum/WG co-chairs over the next couple of months to get the project descriptions prepared and budget requests estimated for 2007. At the same time we will begin to start to frame up a discussion for how to do the strategic plan. This will be put onto the next month's call agenda.

#### **Upcoming Meetings - Tom reviewed**

- a. 3/15-16 Tribal Policy workshop in Albuquerque. has been postponed;
- b. 3/14 Tribal Data Development workshop in Albuquerque is still on schedule;
- c. 3/14 Inter-Tribal workgroup has also been postponed;
- d. WRAP Meeting list on the Web site was reviewed by Tom;
- e. March 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> will be a meeting in Ft. Collins of the work group on the TSS implementation. If you are attending you need to RSVP;
- f. AoH meeting is scheduled for April 25 (1pm start), all day the 26<sup>th</sup>, and a training is scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup>;
- g. Mission Palms, Tempe, Tues, April 18<sup>th</sup> will be an Emissions Forum meeting and this needs to be added to the site; and
- h. Next TOC call Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>, 11 AM Mountain.

**Technical Status Report-** Tom said he would have this report finished later in March.