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TRIBAL NEWS

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Update on Tribal Data Development Work Group (TDDWG)

- Progress report on RFPs: The National Tribal Environmental Council (NTEC) received three bids each for RFP #1, *Analysis of Regional Haze State and Federal Implementation Plans for Tribal Implications/Issues*, and RFP #2, *Provide Technical Assistance to Native American Tribes in the WRAP Region pertaining to Regional Haze*, by the deadline of September 15. The bids are currently under review by the TDDWG selection committee, with a current schedule calling for selecting a contractor and having a contract signed by 10/13/06.
- Next TDDWG meeting: The next TDDWG meeting will be held Oct. 12-13 at the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation near Scottsdale, Arizona. Travel details and a draft agenda can be found at <http://www.wrapair.org/cal/calendar.php?op=view&id=604>.

Southern Ute Tribe to Release Emissions Inventory (EI) Data

The Environmental Programs Division of the Southern Ute Tribe has received permission from the Tribal Council to share its 2002 EI data upon request. This will present an important addition to the WRAP Emissions Data Management System.

Input on the WRAP Tribal Technical & Policy Workshop Agenda Requested

This two-day workshop, designed to provide a comprehensive look at WRAP activities and the tools and resources available to tribes, will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, on Nov. 28 and 29. Details of the workshop are available at <http://www.wrapair.org/cal/calendar.php?op=view&id=594>. As this workshop is intended to benefit tribes, all tribal representatives are encouraged to look at the draft agenda posted and make any suggestions or requests for issues that they would like to see covered. Please pass on any suggestions/questions/comments to Ken Cronin at kcronin@ntec.org.

“Green Tags” Presentation at WRAP Board Meeting

Representing the Communications Committee of which she is tribal co-chair, Lisa Reiner presented a powerpoint at the recent WRAP Board meeting titled “Greening WRAP Travel Through Purchasing Renewable Energy Certificates or Green Tags.” Funds from the sale of these green tags are then used for the purchase of, or investment in, renewable energy resources such as wind, photovoltaics, solar, etc. Various organizations offer the tags to offset carbon emissions generated from each person’s travel. While purchasing such green tags is entirely an individual decision, the board members approved the communications committee establishing links on the WRAP website to the organizations meeting criteria set up the committee, which included at least two organizations that invest in tribal or tribally-focused projects.

The powerpoint presentation is available on the WRAP website on the Board of Directors’ agenda page, <http://www.wrapair.org/WRAP/meetings/060913m/>. Just scroll down to 9:30 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 14 and click on the link.

Comments from the WRAP Co-Director

Good day to everyone out there in Indian Country! Well, another busy month! I had the opportunity to re-establish old friendships and meet some new hard-working tribal folks.

Last month I stated, "I am truly impressed with the work being done by tribes in the WRAP." Well, I have to tell you after the meeting in Whitefish, Montana, that statement isn't strong enough to express my appreciation for the work you folks are doing. I offer my sincerest thanks to everyone for a job well done.

My activities for the month of September have included the following conference calls and meetings;

Participated in conference calls 6, 7, 10, 14, 20, & 25 & 29. These calls were for the Regional Planning Directors, Attribution of Haze, and the TDDWG.

Attended the following meetings; Implementation Work Group Meeting in Portland, Oregon: Tribal Caucus and WRAP Board meeting in Whitefish, Montana and Regional Planning Directors meeting in Kansas City.

WRAP Board presentation by the Tribal Caucus:

IS THERE LIFE AFTER 2007? WHERE TRIBES WANT TO GO WITH THE WRAP.

Excellent presentation! It was well received by the complete Board and numerous complimentary remarks were heard. One particular comment stood out and that came from Mr. Richard (Dick) Long, Region VIII EPA, "...one of the best and well thought out documents I have seen." For those of you who participated in drafting and presenting the document, thanks.

The document presented nine issues that the tribes in the WRAP region deal with on a daily basis and need to be addressed in-depth by the WRAP. The Tribal Caucus went so far as to recommend strategies to address all nine of the issues. (Both the report submitted to the Board and the presentation itself are available on the WRAP website, on the Board of Directors' agenda page, <http://www.wrapair.org/WRAP/meetings/060913m/>. Just scroll down to 9:00 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 14 and click on the link.) For more information, call or email lmcleod@ntec.org, (406) 675-3166, or kcronin@ntec.org, (505) 242-2175.

Thanks for your diligent hard work and continuous participation in the WRAP forums, committees and work-groups.

This monthly newssheet is a collaboration of the National Tribal Environmental Council's (NTEC's) air program staff assigned to work with the Western Regional Air Partnership (WRAP), and condenses for the reader the activities and issues of the various forums, committees, and workgroups of the WRAP as they pertain to the tribes within the WRAP region. WRAP - a partnership of the western states (including Alaska), tribes within those states and other stakeholders - is funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, with the purpose of developing data, tools, and policies needed to improve visibility in parks and wilderness areas across the West. More information on WRAP may be found on its website, www.wrapair.org, while NTEC's website is located at www.ntec.org. If you have questions or suggestions regarding this newssheet, please contact Sandra Sac Parker, Editor and NTEC air program communications specialist, at 505/242-2175 ext. 104 or e-mail sparker@ntec.org.

