



# **WRAP**

## **TRIBAL NEWS**

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## **WRAP ACTIVITIES - TRIBAL SYNOPSIS**

### **MEETING OVERVIEWS**

#### **Tribal Caucus and WRAP Board Meetings – May 2005 (Phoenix, Arizona)**

Both a Tribal Caucus and WRAP Board meeting were held during May in Phoenix, each having good representation by tribal leaders, members and environmental staff.

With respect to the Caucus meeting, a number of important issues were discussed and notes concerning these discussions may be obtained by contacting Ken Cronin at 505-242-2175 or [kcronin@ntec.org](mailto:kcronin@ntec.org).

With respect to the WRAP Board meeting, some occurrences were:

- the Zuni Tribe became a member of the WRAP Board,
- the WRAP 2006 workplan was reviewed and approved by the WRAP Board,
- updates were provided for several committee and forum projects, and
- an extended session on climate change, including discussion of the next steps for the WRAP, was held.

Several presentations from the meeting can be viewed at:

[www.wrapair.org/WRAP/meetings/050517board-phx/index.html](http://www.wrapair.org/WRAP/meetings/050517board-phx/index.html).

The next WRAP Board meeting is scheduled for December 14-15, preceded by a Tribal Caucus meeting on December 12-13. While the Board has not picked a specific location, both meetings are expected to take place in southern California. Please check the WRAP website periodically for updates about the December meetings.

#### **Past Dust Workshop in Palm Springs, California**

Because of unpaved roads and their locations, both tribes and states face a number of serious issues related to dust emissions. The WRAP has addressed these issues on a number of fronts including sponsorship of a recent dust workshop in Palm Springs. Among the presentations given during the workshop were dust emission reduction techniques and control programs currently underway in a number of jurisdictions. The

workshop was well attended, having more than 150 participants. Presentations from this workshop are located at [www.wrapair.org/cal/calendar.php?op=view&id=327](http://www.wrapair.org/cal/calendar.php?op=view&id=327). There is further work to be done by the WRAP with respect to dust emission issues. If your tribe faces such issues, you are encouraged to become a member of the Dust Emissions Joint Forum. Information about the forum is available at <http://www.wrapair.org/forums/dejf/index.html>. If you should have any questions about the forum, please contact Ken Cronin at 505-242-2175 or [kcronin@ntec.org](mailto:kcronin@ntec.org).

### **Climate Change Meeting – Santa Fe, New Mexico**

Based on a general affirmation from the WRAP Board during its last meeting, an ad hoc work group consisting of WRAP members (states and tribes) will meet August 25-26 in Santa Fe to gather and share information regarding current state, tribal, federal, and private sector actions on climate change; exchange information on the impacts of climate change in the West; evaluate opportunities for voluntary action; and identify potential funding sources to support WRAP discussions on these issues. Please check the WRAP website periodically during the next month for a draft agenda along with hotel information. Currently, the WRAP has no funds to reimburse travel or other expenses for this meeting.

## **WRAP 2006 WORKPLAN – SPECIFIC TRIBAL CONCERNS**

In approving next year's workplan, the WRAP Board has acknowledged that:

The **Air Managers Committee** will perform the following tasks during 2006:

- Identify and describe the supplemental benefits to reducing air pollutants associated with haze (e.g., health, ecosystem, and cultural) and how they would follow from regional haze controls (**AMC3**)
- Compile data of existing forums and workgroup addressing tribal visibility impacts into a technical support document component that would be useful in the development of SIPs and TIPs; this would provide a comprehensive view of the relationship between regional haze and its effects on tribal lands and traditional lifeways (**AMC4**)
- Continue development of critical planning tools, such as templates and/or roadmaps, to assist states and tribes writing their 308 SIPs and TIPs (**AMC5**)
- Sponsor workshops to facilitate improvements in working relationships within the WRAP and among individual states, tribes and federal agencies, by enhancing the understandings of leadership and staffs of these entities about how each of them functions within their organizations, their various operational protocols, and traditions (**AMC6**)

The **Communications Committee** will perform the following tasks during 2006:

- Tailor the WRAP tribal version presentations to meet needs of various forums and committees, and convert presentations to various video formats (e.g., CD, VHC, 35mm) and make copies for multiple venues (**CC3**)

The **Tribal Data Development Work Group** will perform the following tasks during 2006:

- Provide specific technical analyses for each of the developing SIPs which will provide tribes with the necessary information to effectively participate in SIP processes (**TW1**)
- Track development of the WRAP's 308 Technical Support Document to ensure that tribal data is accurately incorporated into it (**TW2**)
- Continue support of the Tribal Emissions Inventory Software Solution (**TW3**)

Further details about these projects can be viewed at

[http://www.wrapair.org/WRAP/documents/05-07Workplan\\_final.pdf](http://www.wrapair.org/WRAP/documents/05-07Workplan_final.pdf)

Please note that Committees, Forums and Workgroups have the option of substituting projects and reallocating existing monies for such substitutions. As such occurrences take place, Tribal Caucus members will be duly informed.

For questions about these various workplan items, contact Ken Cronin or Bob Gruenig at 505-242-2175, Ken at [kcronin@ntec.org](mailto:kcronin@ntec.org) or Bob at [bgruenig@ntec.org](mailto:bgruenig@ntec.org).

## **ACTIVITIES OF COMMITTEES, FORUMS AND WORKGROUPS**

### **Section 308 Implementation Work Group (IWG)**

Work on developing a Section 308 SIP and TIP template for both states and tribes continues to move forward through the efforts of the Air Managers Committee's Section 308 Implementation Work Group. Thus far, a table of contents and drafts of individual sections of the template have been developed. The work group hopes to provide a first draft for the public by mid-September. Rosanne Sanchez, Bob Gruenig and Ken Cronin have been participating in this workgroup on behalf of the tribes, editing draft sections to account for tribal circumstances and providing feedback when necessary or appropriate. Subsequent actions expected to be taken by these individuals are creation of a guidance document for developing and implementing a Section 308 TIP, and working with the EPA in drafting a protocol that tribes and the Agency will follow in submitting and implementing a 308 TIP. Further assistance is needed from the Tribal Caucus members. If you are interested, please contact Bob Gruenig at 505-242-2175 or [bgruenig@ntec.org](mailto:bgruenig@ntec.org).

### **Stationary Sources Joint Forum**

The Stationary Sources Joint Forum recently met in Palm Springs, California, to discuss a number of its projects including point source emissions data and projections, oil and gas emissions inventories, and NO<sub>x</sub> control technologies. Furthermore, discussions included

an update about the development of emissions inventories for sources (e.g., point and oil/gas) on a select number of tribal lands. These inventories are being obtained from the tribes themselves and not other jurisdiction (e.g., state, local). Unless advised otherwise by those tribes having such sources on their lands, these inventories will be entered in the WRAP's Emissions Database Management System (EDMS) which will help the WRAP in its modeling efforts and other matters related to regional haze. A status on this project and others of the forum can be obtained at [www.wrapair.org/WRAP/meetings/050517board-phx/Stationary\\_Source\\_Issues/ERG\\_Status.pdf](http://www.wrapair.org/WRAP/meetings/050517board-phx/Stationary_Source_Issues/ERG_Status.pdf).

## **SPECIAL INITIATIVES AND ITEMS OF INTEREST**

### **Formation of Tribal RPO Workgroup**

The Directors of the five Regional Planning Organizations (WRAP, CENRAP, MRPO, VISTAS, and MANE-VU) recently approved the formation of a Tribal RPO Workgroup. The directors hope that this workgroup can help to integrate specific tribal issues and concerns into the larger regional planning organization planning and policy making process. Please check both the WRAP and NTEC website periodically about this workgroup, and future conference calls and meetings. You may also contact Bob Gruenig at 505-242-2175 or [bgruenig@ntec.org](mailto:bgruenig@ntec.org) if you should have any questions.

### **Inter-RPO Tribal Economic Database Systems Design Project**

The National Tribal Environmental Council (NTEC) recently sponsored a luncheon at the Grand Traverse Resort and Spa in Traverse City, Michigan, to discuss the ongoing development of a tribal economic database systems design. During this luncheon, which took place during the National Tribal Conference on Environmental Management, an overview of the project was provided along with an assessment tool to discern what tribes are currently using with respect to economic analysis and computer systems. NTEC and its contractor for the project received some very good input from the tribal representatives in attendance. Next steps for this project are to follow-up with those tribal representatives who have an assessment tool and provide them with any assistance that they may need in filling one out, and to start development of a draft systems design that tribal representatives can respond to. If you have any specific questions concerning the project, please contact Donna McKenzie, E.H. Pechan, at 919-493-3144 ext. 187 or [donna.mckenzie@pechan.com](mailto:donna.mckenzie@pechan.com), or Bob Gruenig at 505-242-2175 or [bgruenig@ntec.org](mailto:bgruenig@ntec.org).

### **BART Rule for Section 309 States**

In *Center for Energy and Economic Development v. EPA*, 398 F.3d 653 (D.C. Cir. 2005), the D.C. Circuit Court vacated the Annex under Section 309 of the Regional Haze Rule, holding that the group BART methodology used to justify the Annex was similar to the methodology rejected by the court in *American Corn Growers v. EPA*, 291 F.3d 1 (D.C. Cir. 2002). Consequently, the EPA will be required to draft a rule to address BART under Section 309 and intends to provide a draft of this rule by mid-July with an expectation that the rule will become final by November 8<sup>th</sup>. While no tribes have adopted a 309 TIP, the court ruling will have an effect with respect to an annual 20,000

ton set-aside allocation made available to tribes under a backstop trading program covering the geographical area of Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming. It is expected that the five states which submitted 309 SIPs by the end of 2003 will submit revisions for these SIPs at the end of 2007 with the tribal set-aside allocations accounted for. Tribes, however, should continue to monitor future actions taken by these states with respect to 309 SIP revisions. If you have any specific questions, please contact Bob Gruenig at 505-242-2175 or [bgruenig@ntec.org](mailto:bgruenig@ntec.org).

### **Alaska Villages Update - Representative Community Emissions Inventory Project**

This project has been underway for nearly a year, as it has taken longer than expected to recruit villages and to complete the residential surveys. Despite the delays, residential surveys are completed for nine rural native communities, and work is progressing in the remaining communities. The nonresidential data for these communities has also been collected. These representative communities and their data will help in modeling emissions for similar rural communities in Alaska. A key remaining task is to prepare reports and to make presentations of the findings to each participating village, which will take place later in the year. A conference call pertaining to this project is tentatively scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup> at 10 am M.D.T. For more information, please contact Alice Edwards at [Alice.Edwards@dec.state.ak.us](mailto:Alice.Edwards@dec.state.ak.us), Bob Dulla at [BDulla@sierraresearch.com](mailto:BDulla@sierraresearch.com), or Jerry Pardilla at [JPardilla@ntec.org](mailto:JPardilla@ntec.org).

### **Bill Grantham Returns to NTEC**

The National Tribal Environmental Council (NTEC) is pleased to welcome Bill Grantham back to our organization. Bill left NTEC in November 2003 to work at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) under an Intergovernmental Personnel Agreement with our organization. During his time at the EPA, Bill participated in a number of initiatives including work on the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) and the BART Rule. Bill will continue to work part-time for the EPA through November 8<sup>th</sup>, focusing on the prospective BART Rule intended to address the court's decision in *Center for Energy and Economic Development v. EPA*, 398 F.3d 653 (D.C. Cir. 2005). The remaining part of his time through November 8<sup>th</sup> and his full-time occupation beyond this date will focus on air quality policy issues growing out of the WRAP and National Tribal Air Association.

### **Assessment of Tribal Communication Needs**

Attached is a short assessment survey, which was designed to better plan for and to assist WRAP tribal representatives with their communication needs. Completing this survey is voluntary and you may answer only those questions that apply to your situation. You may also remain anonymous if you wish. Your participation is appreciated.

*This monthly newsheet 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](http://www.wrapair.org), while NTEC's website is located at [www.ntec.org](http://www.ntec.org). If you have questions or suggestions regarding this newsheet, please contact Sandra Sac Parker, Editor and NTEC air program communications specialist, at 505/242-2175 ext. 104 or e-mail [sparker@ntec.org](mailto:sparker@ntec.org).*



## WRAP ASSESSMENT OF TRIBAL COMMUNICATION NEEDS

The Western Regional Air Partnership (WRAP) is a partnership of western tribes and states (along with other stakeholders) that are working together to come up with ways to deal with the effects of air pollution on regional haze. The WRAP, funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, is staffed by the National Tribal Environmental Council for the tribes and by the Western Governors Association for the states.

The short assessment survey on the following page was designed to better plan for and to assist WRAP tribal representatives with their communication needs. **All answers are voluntary and you may answer only those that apply to your situation. You may also remain anonymous if you wish.**

You may return the completed assessment by postal mail, fax or e-mail to:

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### **Who You Are**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tribe/Native Village \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone & Fax Numbers \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

By which of the above do you prefer to be contacted?

Are you a (please check the appropriate description(s) – you may check more than one):  
Tribal Member \_\_\_\_\_ Employee \_\_\_\_\_ Environmental Staff/Professional \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## ASSESSMENT SURVEY

1. Is your tribe/native village a member of WRAP? YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_
2. If your tribe is a WRAP member, are you the tribal representative to WRAP?  
YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_
3. (a) If yes to question 2, are you or any other of your WRAP's tribal representatives active in any of WRAP's forums or committees? YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_  
(b) If yes to part a of question 3, which forums or committees?
4. If you or your tribe/village is active in WRAP, how do you distribute the information from your forum/committee to your tribe and others?  
Report to tribal council\_\_\_\_ Report to department director\_\_\_\_ Report to a tribal regional organization\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_
5. If your tribe/village is not active in WRAP, what type of information about WRAP do you require to decide whether to join WRAP or to take to tribal/village leaders?
6. If your tribe/agency is not part of WRAP at this time, would you like more information on WRAP? YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_
7. Do you have easy access to the internet? YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_
8. If yes, do you visit the WRAP website at [www.wrapair.org](http://www.wrapair.org)? YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_
9. (a) If you do visit the WRAP website, do you feel the information is timely and pertinent and what is needed by WRAP member tribes? YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_  
(b) If you answered "no" to part a of this question, how do you think the website can be improved to assist the tribes?
11. Do you receive the WRAP Sheet? YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_  
If you answered no, would you like to receive the WRAP Sheet? YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_
12. Are you aware NTEC's WRAP staff has begun a newsheet (WRAP Tribal News) aimed at WRAP tribal representatives? YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_
13. Do you receive the WRAP Tribal News? YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_  
If you answered no, would you like to receive it? YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_
14. Please use this space (and the back of page) for comments, suggestions, etc.