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Update on Inter-RPO Tribal Economic Database Systems Design Project

A meeting concerning the Inter-RPO Tribal Economic Database Systems Design Project, managed by the National Tribal Environmental Council, was recently held in Albuquerque to discuss a draft users requirement document for the system. Among the items discussed were:

- Data elements
- Control strategy analysis requirements
- Data and time series analysis
- Cross query tabulation analysis
- Reporting
- GIS
- External systems - importing and exporting
- Security
- Auditing
- Systems infrastructure

From this discussion, a final user requirements document should be completed by mid-September along with a comparative economics systems document, comparing existing economic analysis database programs and their specific functions. Thereafter, a draft systems design document will be developed and reviewed by the project work team which is scheduled to meet in October. Expected completion of the overall project is late November of this year.

There is still an opportunity to become involved with this project. If you are interested, please contact Bob Gruenig at 505-242-2175 or bgruenig@ntec.org.

Mercury on next WRAP Board Meeting Agenda

Based on a request by the Tribal Caucus, the WRAP Board has agreed to devote part of its next meeting to a discussion on mercury. Along with individual speakers, it is expected that there will be a panel represented by tribal, state, environmental and industry representatives to convey their concerns and perspectives regarding this toxic pollutant.

The next WRAP Board meeting, scheduled for December 14th and 15th in Palm Springs, California, will be preceded by a Tribal Caucus meeting on December 12th and 13th. Suggestions for speakers are being accepted and should be forwarded to Bob Gruenig at 505-242-2175 or bgruenig@ntec.org.

Climate Change Meeting – Santa Fe, New Mexico

Representatives from several tribes and tribal organizations attended the recent WRAP meeting on climate change. Hosted by the New Mexico Environment Department in Santa Fe on August 25 and 26, the meeting was held primarily to gather and share information regarding current state, tribal, federal, and private sector actions on climate change. Among the speakers was Bob Gough, secretary of the Intertribal Council on Utility Policy. All of the meeting's presentations are available on the WRAP website, www.wrapair.org.

As only one tribal board member (Zuni Tribe) was present, the board's consensus was that the Santa Fe meeting did not have a quorum. However, those board members present asked Patrick Cummins, WRAP co-director, to draft a budget on funding for supplies, his staff's time, etc., needed to work on this topic.

Communications Committee – Children's Handout Available Soon

The children's handout developed by the Communications Committee will be printed by mid-September and will be available for distribution to tribes and other organizations at no cost. If you would like copies, please contact Sandra Sac Parker at 505/242-2175 ext. 104 or sparker@ntec.org.

The handout is also available in a downloadable format on the WRAP website at www.wrapair.org/kids. The committee developed the handout "What Can You Do to Help Prevent Air Pollution?" as a fun and colorful method of making children aware of how their actions can affect the air we breathe

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, while NTEC's website is located at 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.

