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WRAP ACTIVITIES - TRIBAL SYNOPSIS

Tribes to Plan Mercury Session for WRAP Board Meeting

At the request of the Tribal Caucus, the WRAP Board has agreed to include mercury pollution as one of the primary topics at its December meeting. Now it is time for the Tribal Caucus to pull together the agenda, topics, and speakers. If you know of mercury-related topics of interest to your tribe, or know of someone who would be a good speaker in this area, please participate in the Tribal Caucus calls, held the second Tuesday of every month ((888-387-8686; Room number: 9758908#) at 11 a.m. Mountain Time.

Update on Tribal Data Development Work Group Projects

- **Tribal Causes of Haze Project:** DRI is getting close to the end of this project, which analyzes the existing IMPROVE monitoring network and identifies any tribes that are not represented. Persons that have been involved in the national EPA budget request process may see how this data could be very helpful, especially if this methodology could be applied to other pollutants.
- **Tribal Point Sources Project:** Environ has nearly completed this project - updating the information on point sources and oil and gas sources on tribal lands - with the 2018 projections still needing to be finished. It focuses on Wind River, Colville, Warm Springs, Navajo, Tohono O'odham, Ute Mountain Ute, and Yakama. The report is available at www.wrapair.org/forums/tddwg/documents/PtSource_EI_NativeAmericanRese.pdf.
- **Scoping of FY2006 Projects:** In looking at the 2007 SIP deadlines, the TDDWG has included two new tasks in its work plan:
 - the first of these tasks is to hire a contractor to keep an eye on all 14 SIPs under development and identify any issues with tribal implications. The purpose is to put the information into the tribes' hands in a timely manner so that they can sit down with the states if necessary.
 - the second task will be to provide a tribe or tribes with most of the data and information that they need to actually do a "Regional Haze TIP", by mining the various databases that the WRAP has developed for the data specific to that tribe(s). If you think your tribe may be interested, the TDDWG is calling for volunteers.

Implementation Work Group's Progress on SIP/TIP Template

The group met in August in Portland for the purpose of drafting a §308 SIP/TIP template for states and tribes, and decided that tribes should have a separate template as the requirements for SIPs and TIPs are very different and trying to merge them is too confusing.

Also, tribal volunteers to participate in the group are very much needed, as the group currently has no tribal reps. In addition, Randy Ashley, the current Air Managers Committee tribal co-chair, is stepping down and has asked for a volunteer to replace him.

Fire Emissions Joint Forum Working on Communication Protocols

Tribes that practice prescribed burns or fire management may want to participate in this forum, especially the Regional Coordination Task Team. The Task Team is currently trying to establish communication protocols for fire managers across borders, including state/state, tribal/state, and international. More information is available at

www.wrapair.org/forums/fejf/documents/rctt/RegCoordinationDiscussOutline.pdf.

Update on Representative Community Emissions Inventory Project, Alaska

The data collection phase is nearly finished with 11 villages having completed the residential surveys, and efforts are progressing to complete the nonresidential surveys. The analytical phase is underway and preliminary emissions data will be developed for the participating villages. The analysis for the Native Village of Buckland has already been completed. Ongoing work and conference calls are being held to monitor progress and to develop appropriate presentation methods. For more information, you may contact via email: Alice Edwards

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