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TRIBAL NEWS

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WRAP ACTIVITIES - TRIBAL SYNOPSIS

Session on Mercury Planned for WRAP Board Meeting

The next Tribal Caucus meeting will be held in conjunction with the WRAP Board's meeting in Palm Springs, California. The caucus meeting is scheduled for December 12 and 13, while the board meeting will be held the following two days, December 14 and 15. More information on both meetings, including hotel information, can be found on the WRAP website at www.wrapair.org.

As the Tribal Caucus had previously requested a session on mercury at the next board meeting, caucus members drafted an agenda during their October 11th conference call. Following is a brief outline of that agenda – a more detailed version was e-mailed to members by Ken Cronin, Tribal Caucus Coordinator:

1. Brief introduction

- a. Health impacts
- b. Economic impacts
- c. Current data/status of Mercury in the WRAP Region
 1. Mercury Deposition Network
 2. Tribal Mercury Monitoring
 3. EPA database of fish tissue studies:
 4. Tribal fish studies

2. Current Issues

- a. Cultural Impacts to Tribes – especially to those tribes for whom fish is a major diet staple
 - b. Environmentalist Perspective on Nevada Mining mercury emissions
 - c. Industry Perspective
3. State Roundtable discussion – What is being done
 4. Next Steps – What can WRAP do about mercury

Ideas for the agenda are still being solicited. 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. You may also contact Ken Cronin at 505-242-2175 or kcronin@ntec.org.

WRAP Policy/Technical Workshop for Tribes

The Tribal Caucus has also started planning for a tribal policy/technical workshop for the spring of 2006. This workshop, which is included in the NTEC work plan, will provide an opportunity for tribal representatives to catch up on all of the WRAP activities over the past year. The timing will allow the tribal representatives to see the updated EI data, 2018 projections, and modeling tools that the WRAP will be completing in December. There will also be demonstrations of how tribes can access these resources and benefit from them. The agenda is still being developed and all suggestions are welcome. Tentative locations are (1) Albuquerque or (2) wherever the second WRAP technical meeting is held (it was suggested that the caucus consider holding this workshop in conjunction with the second WRAP technical meeting)

Update on Tribal Data Development Work Group Projects

Tribal Causes of Haze Project: There should be a draft report from DRI by the end of October. This project identified 11 Tribes that are not currently represented by the IMPROVE monitoring network

Fire Emissions Joint Forum Workshop on 2018 Fire Emissions

The Fire Emissions Joint Forum is sponsoring a one-and-a-half day workshop, to be held November 1-2, on “Estimating Fire Emissions for 2018 Regional Haze Planning.” This workshop is designed for state and tribal smoke program managers who are invested in development of the 2002 and 2018 planning fire emissions inventories. See a more complete description of the workshop at:

<http://www.wrapair.org/cal/calendar.php?op=view&id=448>.

Emissions Forum

This forum just released a new inventory in the Emissions Data Management System (EDMS): Actual Version 1.2 (2002). The updates to this inventory include the on-road inventory prepared by Environ; the point- and area- inventories as reviewed by ERG; and the fire inventory prepared by Air Sciences. Updated Tribal EI's have been included in the EDMS. To access it, the link is http://www.wrapedms.org/default_login.asp. Registration is free.

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.

