



# WRAP

## TRIBAL NEWS

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### **Hawaii Makes Request to Become WRAP Board Member**

Governor Linda Lingle of Hawaii has officially requested that her state be admitted as a member of the Western Regional Air Partnership Board. This request came in an April 11 letter addressed to Governor Janet Napolitano of Arizona and Councilman Lloyd Irvine of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Co-Chairs of the WRAP. While acknowledging that Hawaii's unique location was a major reason for her state not originally becoming a board member, Governor Lingle has come to the conclusion that much of the work conducted by the WRAP, such as emission estimates and transport modeling, would be helpful in her state's efforts to comply with the Regional Haze Rule.

Governor Lingle's request concerning Hawaii's membership is being forwarded to current WRAP Board members. If Hawaii is approved, the WRAP charter will need to be amended to reflect an equal representation of state and tribal board members at 14 each. With that said, a new tribal vacancy will be created to match the one being created for Hawaii. For those tribes and their leaders who may be interested in filling this vacancy and serving on the WRAP Board, please forward your interest to Bob Gruenig, WRAP Co-Director, via phone at 505-242-2175 ext. 103 or e-mail at [bgruenig@ntec.org](mailto:bgruenig@ntec.org).

### **PM NAAQS Comment Letter**

The deadline for submitting comments regarding recently proposed changes to the Particulate Matter (PM) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) was April 17. Three tribes and one tribal consortium provided signatures that were attached to the joint letter drafted by the WRAP's Air Managers Committee and submitted by Don Arkell, State Caucus Coordinator and the primary author of the letter. In addition, there were those tribes who indicated that they had sent in comments individually as well, either using this WRAP-created letter or drafting their own comments. None of the WRAP states opted to be included in the joint letter.

### **Climate Change Grant**

During the April 11 Tribal Caucus call, there was discussion about an grant funding opportunity entitled "Consequences of Global Change for Air Quality." While not about regional haze, this grant seems a close fit for the WRAP, as it involves modeling the long-term impacts of global climate change on air quality, with an aim towards developing state and local government emission control strategies to meet air quality standards. On the call, the participants agreed that it would be a good idea for the Tribal Caucus to submit this idea formally to the entire WRAP Board, but asked that NTEC survey the tribal Board members first. While not all of the Board members have responded regarding this grant, there have been several positive responses so NTEC is moving forward by drafting a letter to Governor Napolitano for Councilman Irvine's signature requesting that the Board consider submitting an application. The funding cap is \$900,000 per grant and the submission deadline is June 20.

### **Power Points on Climate Change Now Available on WRAP Website**

The power points on climate change that were presented at the WRAP Board's meeting on April 4 and 5 in Salt Lake City are now posted on the WRAP website at <http://www.wrapair.org/WRAP/meetings/060404slc/index.html>. There is also a clickable link on the home page ([www.wrapair.org](http://www.wrapair.org)) that will take you to the stand-alone page that includes the Board's agenda for that meeting.

### **Tribal Caucus and WRAP Board Set Meetings**

Both the Tribal Caucus and the WRAP Board have set their next meetings at the Grouse Mountain Lodge in Whitefish, Montana, with the Tribal Caucus meeting scheduled for Sept. 11 and 12, while the Board's will be the two following days, Sept. 13 and 14.

While neither agenda has been posted yet, detailed lodging information is available on the WRAP website's home page under "Meetings and Events." As usual, you are advised to make your room reservations early, as the Lodge can hold rooms only until July 28.

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