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TDDWG Contractors Selected

The Tribal Data Development Work Group met October 12-13 at the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. There, the selection committees reviewed the bids submitted for the first two TDDWG projects:

- Analysis of Regional Haze State and Federal Implementation Plans for Tribal Implications/Issues (three bids received)
- Provide Technical Assistance to Native American Tribes in the WRAP Region pertaining to Regional Haze (four bids received)

Each proposal was thoroughly discussed and a selection was made for each project. Notice of which contractors were selected will be announced as soon as the contractors themselves have been notified. Contracts should be finalized within the next few weeks.

WRAP Tribal Policy and Technical Workshop – ROOM BLOCK DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 3, 2006

The WRAP Tribal Technical & Policy Workshop will be held on November 28-29 at the Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque, New Mexico. As currently planned, we will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28th, and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 29th.

The purpose of this workshop is to provide tribal representatives a two-day overview of the technical tools and policies that have been developed by the WRAP to measure and track progress in reducing regional haze. Attendees will have the opportunity to see demonstrations of the powerful regional modeling and emissions inventory tools that have been developed by WRAP, such as the Technical Support System and the Emissions Data Management System. Participants will also learn about the resources made available to them through the WRAP to track the development of the Regional Haze State Implementation Plans (RH SIPs) in each of the states, as well as to provide assistance to tribes in accessing the WRAP's technical tools. Another highlight will be a discussion about the future of the WRAP, and the role that tribes may continue to play in the organization.

More details are available at: <http://www.wrapair.org/cal/calendar.php?op=view&id=594>.

Comments from the Co-Director

Good day to everyone out there in Indian Country!

Many good things are taking place nationwide. I attended the Tribal Air Monitoring Systems Steering Committee meeting the 17th through the 19th of this month and was glad to see that tribal support has not diminished in that particular committee. It is especially important that tribes continue to support this committee because during this time of increased scrutiny of tribal air monitoring systems it is imperative that the EPA get the message that tribes are just as concerned with public health as they always have been. We received a pretty good overview of the new “Tribal Major Sources Rule and the new PM Rule.” I still need to review them more thoroughly for tribal impacts, so I’ll let you know what Bob Gruenig (NTEC’s senior policy analyst) thinks about them as well. I also heard some discussion dealing with the Mercury Rule which seems to

be a large area of concern to tribal folks. I also heard there is a need for the EPA position at the TAMS to be filled by a tribal person who has an extended amount of experience working with/for tribes. The announcement should be coming out in early November so be looking for it and consider the opportunities this senior level position will provide to the tribal air monitoring network.

My activities for the month of October have included the following conference calls and meetings;

Participated in conference calls 6th, 10th, 13th, 20th, 26th, and 30th. These calls were for the TOC Co-Chairs, Tribal Caucus Call, Regional Planning Directors, Attribution of Haze, and the TDDWG.

Attended the following meetings; TDDWG 11th-13th, and the TAMS Steering Committee Meeting 16th-19th.

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This monthly newssheet 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 newssheet, please contact Sandra Sac Parker, Editor and NTEC air program communications specialist, at 505/242-2175 ext. 104 or e-mail sparker@ntec.org.

