

Recap of the May 1, 2007, NW-AIRQUEST Conference Call

On the call:

- Washington State University (Joe and Brian)
- EPA (Herman, Bob, & Rob)
- National Park Service (Elizabeth)
- Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (Kathy)
- Washington Department of Ecology (Sally, Tom, & Ranil)
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (Phil)
- Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (Wei, Yayi, Bruce & Chris)
- Environment Canada - BC (Colin)

■ Conference Call Agenda Items:

March 20 Conference Call Minutes Approval -

- Agreed the minutes from the call held March 20, 2007 were OK as submitted; to be sent to WSU for posting on the Web

Joint Meeting in Seattle - Discussion of EPA Workshop, NW-AIRQUEST Annual Meeting, and MM5 Meeting to be held October 22 - 25, 2007

- According to Phil, most hotels near EPA Region 10 are booked up already or don't offer remaining rooms at the government rate. He was able to get into the Vintage Plaza on 4th near the new library with a government rate of \$128 a night. They had a few rooms left at the time.
- Some discussion was made to possibly move the meeting to the UW area, but getting a meeting room for those four days could prove difficult and the idea was scrapped.
- It was determined that having the meeting at EPA as originally planned was best, that everyone make hotel reservations as close to EPA as possible as soon as they can, and if we need to get reservations further out and bus to EPA we would need to do so.
 - o Toward the Seattle Center and Lake Union works best for an easy bus commute each morning and nice hotels. Folks can use the attached information to find hotels and for contacts at EPA Region 10 that can provide lodging and transportation assistance.
- The specific hotels suggested on the call were the Vintage Plaza (see above) and Hotel Monaco near the Vintage Plaza. It was mentioned that everyone should stay away from the Seattle Hotel as it is sort of "scary" in some ways. See the lodging URL in the attached document Joint Meeting Draft Agenda - Lodging Issues 4-07.doc.
- Draft Agenda for the meeting: Attached is a draft agenda for the meeting (Draft-Agenda-V4 4-07.doc). There has been an addition to it since this draft came out - deposition. If you have a presentation you'd like to give on any of the topics on the agenda, please contact Herman via e-mail with the title of your presentation. It is desired to have the workshop meeting agenda items in by June 1, 2007.
- We are expecting about 50 people for the joint meeting.
- As we get closer to the meeting and know where everyone is staying, airport shuttle, bus, and taxi information will be provided.

Working Group Activities -

1. Bob - Speciation - They held their first conference call and had 13 people join in with all NW-AIRQUEST agencies and groups represented on the call. A roundtable of sorts was held where specific speciation questions were asked such as data availability, monitoring site information, as well as the structure of future calls and whether to meet in person soon. Please see the attached conference call notes for more information (20070425 NW-AIRQUEST Speciation WG call Agenda and Notes.doc). The group's next call is scheduled for May 30, 2007. Please contact Bob or Kathy for more information or to be added to the working group.
2. Sally - Data Sharing - A question was asked about being able to work on the Web and Joe let us know that there is an issue with forming or staying on a thread that Jen is looking into. It might require use of

different software. Then there was discussion about updating the emissions inventory data used in AIRPACT3 and other products. Idaho has completed their inventory, Washington Ecology will meet the June 1 EPA deadline, with Oregon done by the end of August and BC done by the end of summer (Colin will check on this). We'll use 2005 data to replace the 2002 currently in use. It was added that we could begin working on this via conference calls or e-mail messages to ensure similar methodologies, improve data accuracy, and look at temporal and special data issues. Sally will send out a message to see when folks in the group would be available to begin.

Project Updates -

- Brian - NASA Roses - Kick-off meeting was held and a conference call will be held May 2.
 - o Joint tools will be used with the Blueskies group, as they have a NASA grant too.
 - o Bruce will send out an e-mail to secure a NW-AIRQUEST users contact in each state and agency. They will all work to find a method for surveying AIRPACT users.
- Brian - CMAQ Modeling - a 4-km to 1-km runs are being tried for the July 1998 ozone episode. The domain is roughly Portland up the gorge with some area on the north and south sides of the gorge. The first run is complete.
- Brian - Climate Change Work - Three more years of funding will kick in this summer, so work will be continuing.
- Colin - Land Use - Environment Canada has started work with Brian's help to get better land-use information using CMAQ Domain coverage and help from NCAR. They hope to have this done by the end of summer and have a July 31 goal set.
- Bruce - Liaison - Will send out the e-mail to all state points of contact to survey users and potential users of NW-AIRQUEST products (AIRPACT - see above).
- Ranil - New PM2.5 Standard - Working with emergency management contacts and updating triggers for air stagnation events because of the new PM2.5 standards.

Next Call -

- June 12, 2007 at 1 p.m. PDT / 2 p.m. MDT until 3:30 if needed. Look for call number announcement and reminder in your e-mail as date approaches.
 - o Please send agenda items to Chris for this call

Also, if anything above is not accurate, needs further embellishment, or your notes have items I missed completely, please send them in so we can make the needed changes and approve the minutes.