

Upon receipt of comments, questions, and further discussion of my conference call notes... the recap notes sent out earlier have been overturned and rewritten; specifically, the section regarding the Level of Accuracy Needed for NW-AIRQUEST Products. A 15-yard penalty was also assessed.

To clarify: The air directors wanted to ensure the models and other products that got funded were quality assured or met a specified and decided upon accuracy threshold such as 90% accuracy. I don't think that further funding rides on this threshold, but it was desirable to the air directors that NW-AIRQUEST set a certain level, goal, or expectation for these products.

Recap of the May 23, 2006, NW-AIRQUEST Conference Call -- Take II

- It was decided that NW-AIRQUEST would rededicate itself with the following:
 - Regular Conference Calls (Next: mid-July)
 - Set-up the Annual Meeting in the fall of 2006
 - Pick up the momentum of the group and subgroups

--- The last six months have seen some NW-AIRQUEST activity and the conference calls should ensure this activity is shared across all organizations in NW-AIRQUEST.

- Conference Call Agenda Items:

Annual Meeting -

-To be held in Olympia, Washington (Sept/Oct), with the election of a new chair on the agenda -- more details to come

NASA Proposal Accepted -

- Proposal was successful and funding will begin in the fall with the budget negotiated and eligibility for and education & outreach grant too of approximately \$15K a year.

- It was mentioned that NW-AIRQUEST working as a group made this return possible and it brought money into the region, so the air directors should be filled in on this success - PowerPoint slides will be made to present to NW-AIRQUEST and the air directors

Ideas for Education & Outreach Grant -

- It was discussed that the \$15K grants might be used for AIRPACT activities and/or with students at the university. Discussion will continue.

Level of Accuracy Needed for NW-AIRQUEST Products -

- The air directors feel a certain level of accuracy is needed for NW-AIRQUEST products -- Met and Air Quality. We will need to create a verification process, so between now and the annual meeting each agency will need to see what their accuracy needs are and the modelers will come up with the accuracy level that is acceptable. Then, a policy is set for the models. NW-AIRQUEST must ensure we are getting performance for the right reasons and so we know we have succeeded. (Slides are on the way from Mike Gilroy explaining accuracy needs).

Status of FY2006 Region 10 Collaborative Projects Funds -

- Region 10 EPA and air directors determine which organization (state) gets what for projects like MM5, AIRPACT, and Clearsky. About \$300,000 was on the table

- NW-AIRQUEST subgroups discussed this and made recommendations that were presented to air directors and Region 10

- The goal was to make this amount of money for these key projects like paying an electric bill each month -- a regular bill for services important to all organization's work, which is not cut in times of budget woes. Air directors understood and gave their support.

Working Group Updates -

- Do we do away with these subgroups? No, we reorganize and rededicate.

- In the last six months, these groups have not accomplished much, but we tend to not do work outside of the main NW-AIRQUEST committee.

- It was decided for now that we would hang on to these subgroups and do break-out sessions with them at the annual meeting like those that were done in the 2004 annual meeting in Pullman, Washington.

- A new Web tool may help the subgroups function a bit better and these groups may need to morph over time as needs change.