

WRAP WORK PLAN IN SUPPORT OF EPA SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT FUNDING

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The Western Regional Air Partnership (WRAP) will continue work during 2011-12 on behalf of its members across the West to facilitate and assist with the completion and approval of the regional haze implementation plans and prepare for analysis and planning requirements for revised Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The revised Ozone NAAQS and associated planning guidance is expected to be promulgated during Summer 2011.

These supplemental grant resources of \$152,484 from EPA will cover WGA staff time, travel support, and project management through Summer 2012 to manage the WRAP air quality program activities as described below and in previous EPA grant workplans from WGA. The WRAP air quality program has received in-kind and separate funding by states, federal land managers, and industry for several technical projects directly related to western regional air quality analysis and planning. WRAP projects will be coordinated with all WRAP members through calls and meetings with the WRAP Board, Technical Steering Committee, the general membership, as well as technical project E-Mails and website postings.

- 1) **WRAP-EPA Western Modeling Workshop** - held June 21-23, 2011, there were over 50 in-person and 33 phone/webinar participants. [Presentation materials](#) from the workshop are posted. Additional follow-up workshops and working groups are planned by WRAP on behalf of the state, local, and federal agency participants.
- 2) **Western Biogenics Emissions Inventory Improvement Project** - this [WESTAR-funded project](#) is underway with deliverables during Summer and Fall 2011 and completion by November.
- 3) **West-wide Jumpstart Air Quality Modeling Study ([WestJumpAQMS](#))** – Phase I of this project, focused on meteorological and emissions modeling and study documentation, began in June 2011. Work on Phase I will continue through October. Phase II will begin in October, followed by Phase III in January 2012, with project completion planned for late Spring.
- 4) **Western Ozone Scoping Plan** – this project was described in earlier WRAP workplans. An outline for this project has been developed, discussed at the June Modeling Workshop, and reviewed with the WESTAR Planning Committee. The project will start as the Ozone standard and planning guidance is released, with a target completion date of late Fall 2011.
- 5) **FLM Joint Fire Sciences Program [Fire/Ozone Analysis project](#)** – leveraging the WestJumpAQMS project, it is scheduled to start September 1. Work products will be available during 2012 in conjunction with WestJumpAQMS products, with project completion in early 2013.
- 6) **Data Warehouse development project for 3-State/FLF cooperators** – in response to a request for qualifications from the 3-State/Federal Leadership Forum cooperators' group (NPS, USFS, BLM, EPA, States of Colorado, Utah, and Wyoming) WGA was selected to manage this project. WGA staff will work one-quarter time (0.25 FTE) as the Data Warehouse project manager and supervise technical work by CIRA at Colorado State University under a contract with WGA. The data warehouse will support the work of the 3-State/FLF cooperators, as well as the recent national MOU between EPA, Interior, and USDA to start using a shared process for examining the air quality effects of oil and gas drilling on public lands.

WRAP plans to host a Western Ozone Summit in Tempe, AZ on November 2nd, following the WESTAR Council Meeting on October 31 and November 1. More information will be provided after the Ozone NAAQS reconsideration is completed and the Implementation Guidance is released.