PRB Interagency Air Quality Task Group Notes: April 7, 2005

Attendance:

Dave Klemp - MDEQ (leader) Carl Daly - EPA Region 8
Elton Erp - MDEQ Kyrik Rombough - SD DEQ

John Coefield – MDEQ Jay Littlewolf - NCT Liana Reilly – NPS Dave Breisch– MTBLM Darla Potter – WYDEQ Paul Beels – WYBLM

This call was focused on finalizing the monitoring discussions for the affected area. Also, the group began discussing the other tasks outlined in the work plan.

Old business and Misc

Last meeting minutes approved.

Susan was not able to attend the call so the group could not discuss the information she was gathering for PM-10. We will pick this up on the next call.

Summation of last call

The group discussed the monitoring rationale provided by Montana DEQ. Everyone generally agreed that this was a sufficient basis for the group to use when finalizing the monitoring recommendations. Montana DEQ will gather some additional information for the group's consideration. Information such as the time frame for completion, costs, operational structure, and other general information on the sites will be used to present to the IAWG.

Darla will also check on their potential new sites to determine if they may be incorporated into the WY DEQ network review in a very generalized manner and report back to the group.

The group discussed Task A2, which is the establishment of emission inventories for purposes of conducting increment or air quality related values (AQRV) analyses. Dave Klemp updated the group on the WESTAR efforts that have been occurring in this area over the last 14 months. Jay Littlewolf also provided an update on the activities occurring on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation. Jay mentioned that Bison Engineering was trying to complete an emission inventory for SO2, NOx, and PM-10 so that an increment analysis could be completed for the reservation.

Dave's recommendation was that this task be put on hold while we wait and see what happens with the WESTAR effort. The group generally agreed although Carl Daly commented that the group might be able to complete some stuff while waiting for the WESTAR effort. The group may want to look at the effort on the reservation or with the PRB coal group.

Finally, the group began discussing Task A3, which is the strategy for assessing and mitigating increment and AQRV impacts in Class I and Class II areas. There was some discussion on this before the group decided that it might need to refine the task so the group is clear on what it wants from this task. The group suggested that the federal land managers take the lead on this task and bring ideas to the next call.

For the next call

Discuss additional monitoring information gathered by MT DEQ.

Discuss the language of Task A3 for possible refinement.

Times for next call

Suggested times for the next call: Thursday, April 28 from 1:30-3:30; alternate Tuesday, May 10 from 1:30-3:30. Call-in number 877-972-8924, code 570134.

Please let Dave Klemp know if you are unable to attend the April 28th call as soon as possible.