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Federal/State Technical Work Collaboration Group

Conference Call summary

February 2, 2017

1) Welcome and roll call – Chet Wayland (OAQPS)

 *Due to the large number of participants, no roll call was taken. Theresa (CenSARA) asked any edits to the January call summary be sent to her.*

2) Update on new Base Year recommendations subgroup – Alex Cohan (LADCO)

*Alex summarized the emissions inventory focused call the subgroup held yesterday. There were presentations by both EPA (Alison Eyth) and LADCO (Mark Janssen). Alison talked about how* *EPA is positioning itself to prepare inventories if planned and needed. There are no specific plans to model yet but there are no issues foreseen with either a base year of 2015 or 2016. Mark said states biggest job for Ozone is meeting submittal deadlines for the 2015 Ozone Attainment Demonstration SIPs. He agreed 2015/2016 seems practical from an emissions inventory perspective. The biggest challenge is MOVES, as states and MJOs do not have the resources to run the model themselves, but EPA results are usually too late.*

*Alex also gave an overview of the subgroup’s call on met conditions. Presentations highlighted the unusual weather patterns in 2015 with several areas either high or low ozone readings, leaving 2016 as the better year for national modeling focus. TCEQ included information about the complexities of using multiple base years.*

*John Hornback (SESARM) summarized that it appears there are not any major issues for 2015 or 2016, based on met and other practicalities. SESARM has tried to default to an NEI year because of the resources necessary to develop and emissions inventory. He asked if the subgroup gave any thought to that. Mark Janssen replied that it would take coordination of states and EPA to split up work. The spreadsheet he showed included all sectors that could be prioritized and set up a process that could be brought back to the Collaborative Group for buy in.*

*Randy Srait (NC) thanked Alison for the good overview and reiterated that EPA needs to wait until they get direction from the new EPA leadership before moving forward. He suggested, however, there may be time for states to review EPA’s future emissions inventory work before all the technical work is completed.*

*Tom Moore (WESTAR/WRAP) – reminded everyone that there are at least eight steps in this process and looking at met conditions and emissions inventories are just two. Though Mark’s plan on developing emissions inventories is good and it seems 2016 may be the better meteorological year, global boundary conditions is another step that hasn’t been discussed yet.*

3) Status of 2015 Ozone NAAQS modeling platform data transfers to MJOs/states (see attachment) – Norm Posseil (OAQPS) and Jim Boylan (Georgia)

*Norm said EPA has identified all data sets from the modeling platforms requested by the MJOs and states and is in process of copying to data drives supplied by LADCO. They hope to finish by late next week and send to Georgia. Theresa reminded states if they want the data they should contact their respective MJO, as the copies Georgia makes will go to the MJOs. Jim Boylan (GA) reminded MJOs to send drives if they haven’t yet. The original will go back to LADCO.*

*Norm asked if the MJOs have developed a plan yet to keep track of how the data is being used by states and regions. It would be helpful to understand which organization is reviewing inventories, mobile input files or non-EGU point data, for example to avoid duplicative work and work with to fix problems. Theresa responded the MJOs have talked about some possibilities, but it is still an open action. She hopes they’ll have a plan by the next collaborative group call.*

4) Results of state survey on non-EGU control measures – Robin Langdon and Brian Keaveny (OAQPS)

*Robin said the responses received from states consisted of 27,000 rows of information sortable by state. EPA received completed surveys from 35 entities, which reflected data input into 17,000 rows. There are changes from 28 entities adding up to changes to 1,000 rows of control information and 2,000 rows of design capacity. EPA is now uploading the changes into the EIS, which will be reflected in 2014 NEI V2.*

*Susan Wierman (MARAMA) asked if the MANE-VU changes on growth factors were included. Brian Keaveny responded the survey was about control descriptions, not growth factors –that would need to be a separate exercise.*

5) Discuss list of technical questions for 2015 Ozone transport NODA (see attachment) – OAQPS/OAP

*See the attached for a summary of the discussions. Theresa reminded participants they should still submit comments to the docket on items of importance to them.*

6) Update on model performance objectives and CAMx improvements - Norm Possiel

*Norm mentioned he will be sending the CMAQ webinar OHs to Theresa for distribution. Information on the CAMx updates will be forthcoming.*

7) Open mic –

*Chet thanked everyone for participating and hoped they found the call as helpful as possible.*

8) Action items and wrap up - Theresa Pella (CenSARA)

Next call – Thursday, March 2, 2017, 10:30 – noon eastern