

Northern Class I Areas Consultation

Minutes

December 15, 2006

1 - 2 pm CDT

Attendees	State/Region	Attendees
	Minnesota	Gordon Andersson, Mary Jean Fenske, Margaret McCourtney, Catherine Neuschler, John Seltz
	Michigan	Bob Irvine
	Iowa	Matthew Johnson
	North Dakota	Dana Mount, Terry O'Clair
	Wisconsin	Larry Bruss, Bob Lopez
	Ontario	Mary Kirby
	FLMs	Bruce Polkowsky - NPS Trent Wickman - USFS - Superior Ann Mebane - USFS Chris Holbeck - Voyageurs
	RPOs	Mike Koerber - LADCO/MRPO Jeff Peltola - CENRAP

Agenda Items

Agenda, Minutes from Previous Call

The minutes from the last call (November 19) are approved and can be posted. The revised technical document (version 5a) will go on the web when approved; it includes new modeling. Mike will also post the PowerPoint of PSAT results that was presented on December 11 once corrections are made to a slide depicting locations of Minnesota sources.

Status of Technical Questions Document

The Technical Questions document has been reformatted and had information from the Minnesota and MRPO PSAT model run included. Mike would like to finalize the document soon, so any concerns should be brought up. It was mentioned that a note should be added where information is not documented for all four Class I (such as Table 1) areas that the information shown is representative and the rest is not included for conciseness. On page two, Figure 1 on the chemical composition of light extinction should be presented in absolute, rather than percentage, amounts. The PSAT results added as an appendix confirm the selection of source categories given to the contractor. More description of the 2018 baseline is needed - it is based on an RPO IPM model run and does not include BART projections. It was suggested that at the beginning of section 3, page 8, information on what is expected in 2018 should be presented, and the baseline defined before information is presented on the results of control strategies. It was agreed that more information on the 2018 baseline and projections with on-the-books controls would be added. Also related to the 2018 projections, some work needs to be done to understand and explain how new sources were included (or not) when emissions were grown from 2002 to 2018.

Decision Points Document

Items from the decision points document were discussed. Item 2.1, to use the new IMPROVE equation, was decided on August 14. For Item 2.2, it was agreed that VIEWS data would be used for visibility conditions, with a note that one very high extinction day was not included in the VIEWS data - reincluding that data will slightly impact the numbers on baseline and current conditions. For item 1.1 it was agreed that sulfate, nitrate, and organic carbon (largely biogenic) are the key components of visibility impairment. For item 1.2, it was agreed that at least Minnesota, Michigan, Wisconsin, North Dakota, Iowa and Illinois should be named as states that contribute to visibility impairment. We are leaving open the possibility that more contributing states might be added depending on the results of the CENRAP PSAT analysis, due in January or February. Questions were raised about the impact of South Dakota and if they should be invited to the calls.

Other Items, Next Calls

Items on Canadian emissions and BART update were deferred.

A memo from the control strategy contractor is due today, and a call will be held with them on Monday at 1 CST.

Many meetings on regional haze are upcoming. MN is having a stakeholder meeting January 31, LADCO meeting in March, and Wisconsin is briefing their paper council on Dec. 21

Haze discussion will be added to LADCO air directors call on January 4 at 1 pm CST. MN, IA, ND, and Jeff Peltola will be added to that call.

Next states call is January 9 at 1 pm CST.