

**SUMMARY OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING #9
CROSS-CUTTING (CC) ISSUES TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)**

May 2, 2007

Attendance:

1. TWG Members:
 - Rep. Sue Dickenson, House District 25
 - Mary Fitzpatrick, Self-Employed
 - Gloria Flora, Sustainable Obtainable Solutions
 - Chuck McGraw, Natural Resources Defense Council
 - Shane Mogenson, Nance Petroleum
 - Cheryl Reichert, Citizens for Clean Energy
2. MT Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ):
 - Jeff Blend
 - Lou Moore
3. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS):
 - Ken Colburn, TWG Co-Facilitator
 - Randy Strait, TWG Co-Facilitator
4. Other Attendees:
 - None

Background documents:

(all posted at: http://www.mtclimatechange.us/Cross_Cutting.cfm.)

1. Meeting Notice & Agenda (including provisions for public access)
2. Draft Summary for Call #8
3. PowerPoint© presentation for meeting
4. Draft Policy Option Descriptions
5. Draft Policy Option Descriptions - Matrices

Discussion items and key issues:

This was the ninth conference call of the CC TWG.

1. Ken Colburn called the meeting to order, completed the roll call and reviewed the agenda and plans for the call.
2. The TWG did not have any changes to the summary for Call #8.
3. Dates and Times for Remaining TWG Calls: See item #1 under “Action Items” at the end of this summary.
4. Review goals for CCAC Meeting #5: Colburn noted that the next CCAC meeting date is May 11, 2007. The assignment for the CC TWG going into this meeting is

to further develop the straw proposals for each of the priority policy options for review and approval by the CCAC.

5. Next Steps for the TWG: Colburn noted that in the call today the TWG will review and discuss the revisions to the straw proposals for the policy options that the small groups provided to address the TWG's comments from the prior call. CCS provided the TWG with a file identifying revisions to the straw proposals prior to this call, and Colburn went through the revisions that had been made. The following provides a summary of these and additional revisions to the straw proposals as agreed to by the TWG:
 - Inventories and Forecasting (CC-1): The TWG approved the revisions to the straw proposal. During the April 5th TWG call, a TWG member noted that the discussion under "Key Assumptions" may need clarification with respect to the focus of the design characteristics of the straw proposal. The small group was unable to address this concern before today's call and may revisit this concern at a later date.
 - GHG Reporting (CC-2): There were no revisions to the straw proposal since the prior call. The TWG did not have any additional comments on this option.
 - GHG Registry (CC-3): The TWG agreed to the revisions made to the implementation section of the straw proposal. The TWG did not have any additional revisions to the straw proposal for this option. At the request of the TWG, Colburn and Chuck McGraw provided an update on *The Climate Registry*, noting that the deadline for states to join had been extended to May 4, 2007. So far about 24 states have agreed to join *The Climate Registry*. Montana DEQ staff noted that Montana is consider joining but may wait until after the May 11 CCAC meeting to obtain input from the CCAC members. A question was asked if the straw proposal was designed to accommodate the best interests of Montana. Colburn responded that the design of the straw proposal recommends that the State of Montana join a multi-state registry but also retain flexibility for the state to pursue other options for categories of emissions sources or sinks that may not be adequately covered by *The Climate Registry*.
 - Education and Outreach (CC-4):

The TWG agreed to the revisions to the goals and implementation sections of the straw proposal. For the text under the implementation section of the straw proposal, the small group noted that it would provide a paragraph to further explain the purpose and value of the uses of web-based applications for implementing the goals of this option. The TWG also discussed the need to reach community groups and citizens that do not routinely use the internet, and the small group agreed to address this issue in the straw proposal. The TWG also discussed the importance of developing a concise publication describing the key points of the Climate Action Plan ultimately adopted by the CCAC in order to ensure that the parts of the final plan that are adopted administratively or referred to the legislature will be summarized in an

informal style via a brief inexpensive publication to inform the general public. The small group also agreed to address this issue in the straw proposal.

- GHG Reduction Goals and Targets (CC-6): Colburn noted that detailed work on this option would await the results of the quantification analysis for each policy option to be conducted by the other TWGs.
- Establish a Target for Reducing the State's Own GHG Emissions (CC-7.1): The TWG agreed to the revisions to the straw proposal. The TWG did not have any additional significant revisions to the straw proposal for this option.
- Climate-Neutral Bonding (CC-7.2): Colburn noted that the Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Institutional (RCII) TWG is addressing the quantification of this option.
- Require GHG Emissions Assessments as Part of Environmental Impact Statements (CC-7.3):

The small group provided a revised straw proposal that CCS distributed to the full TWG prior to the call; this revision was discussed by the TWG. A TWG member asked if the second paragraph under "Policy Design" could be written to require rather than to encourage "...the federal agency to include GHG emissions as an issue of concern in the analyses of proposed actions." MT DEQ staff provided a summary of their role as a cooperating agency in the preparation of federal environmental assessments (EAs) and environmental impact statements (EISs) and noted that they would check internally to ensure that the wording is in line with their authority.

The TWG agreed to change the title of the policy option to "Require Evaluation of GHG Emissions in Environmental Studies" and noted that "Environmental Studies" is a general term that covers EAs and EISs.

- Consider Joining CCX (CC-7.4): The small group working on this straw proposal is continuing its efforts and hopes to have a comprehensive revision to the straw proposal to bring before the CCAC meeting next week if the TWG concurs with this approach.

6. Call to the Public: There were no public participants.

Announcements: None.

Next steps:

1. The next CC TWG call (#10) was scheduled for **Thursday, June 7, 2007, from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM Mountain time.** (The date was arranged after Call #9.)
2. Draft Policy Option Descriptions: CCS will coordinate revisions to the draft straw proposals for each policy, and will distribute the revised straw proposals to the CCAC prior to the CCAC meeting on May 11, 2007.