

**PRB Interagency Air Quality Task Group Notes:
May 11, 2004 Conference Call**

Attendance:

Dave Klemp - MDEQ (leader)	Joe Delwiche – EPA Region 8
Cara Casten – WDEQ	Carl Daly – EPA Region 8
John Bunyak – NPS	John Reber – NPS
Susan Caplan – WBLM	Kyrik Rombough – SDDENR

Call Topics:

- *Monitor Survey Discussion*
- *Participation Discussion*
- *Items to bring to IWG meeting in June*

Monitor Survey Discussion:

Surveys have been submitted from SDDENR, WYBLM (partial, still need Buffalo FO), WDEQ (partial, still need coal mine network info).

MDEQ expressed difficulties in getting their monitoring people to put this project as a priority. NPS representatives have forwarded the survey and have some people working on them now. There was no one from the USFS on the call to indicate the status of their surveys.

The group then discussed the next steps, for the monitoring surveys and overall group activities. Dave Klemp suggested that the group should put the other tasks on hold until the monitoring task gets on track. Even though the monitoring task is the most straightforward of the tasks, the group is having trouble accomplishing it. Several agencies agreed on this point. We also talked about what actions should be taken to get agencies to respond to the monitoring survey. BLM preferred to keep it low level at first. Dave Klemp suggested one more e-mail to participants and then if there is no response, the issues can be brought up at the June IWG meeting. WDEQ expressed when the topic is presented to the IWG, it would like BLM to take a leadership role in expressing the importance of accomplishing this task and participation of all groups, since it is BLM's ROD.

Agreement: The task group will cease work on other tasks until the monitoring task makes more progress.

Agreement: Upon receipt of the call notes, Dave Klemp will forward another e-mail asking for completion of the surveys. If there is still unresponsiveness, Dave will take the issue to the IWG at the June meeting.

Participation Discussion:

The last few group phone calls have not been greatly attended. Dave asked for ideas on what we can do to increase participation on the monthly phone calls. Joe suggested scheduling them farther in advance.

John Bunyak noted that he would like to be copied on air task group e-mail. He also added that the NPS has a new employee, Liana Reilly, and he would like her to be copied on e-mail as well. Their addresses are:

John_bunyak@nps.gov

Liana_reilly@nps.gov

(underscore between the first and last names)

Susan Johnson may also be participating in the group occasionally.

Items to bring to IWG meeting in June:

Dave will give an update on the group activities, including a discussion on participation. He will also raise the issue of tribal participation again. Cara will bring a short presentation on the monitoring survey, including the map generated from information that has been submitted.

Cara gave a short talk on how the database/map is organized. Several agencies offered GIS layers that could be used on the map. It was decided that a very basic map would be produced of state and county boundaries, major cities, and monitoring sites. Then the group could decide together what other landmarks/boundaries should be utilized in the final product. Cara will distribute a draft copy of the map early in the week of June 7 for group members to see before it is presented to the IWG.

Air group members expected to attend IWG meeting in June: Dave Klemp, Joe Delwiche, Cara Casten. John Keck will be the NPS representative at the IWG meeting.

Next Air Task Group Call/Meeting: The next call time/date will be determined after the IWG meeting in June.