

TELECONFERENCE

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 1995

AGENDA

FYI/UPDATE

New Sources Review (NSR) Regulations - ARD is working closely with EPA on final language for substantially revised proposed New Source Review (NSR) regulations tentatively scheduled to appear in the Federal Register in early September. Overall, the regulation could improve Federal Land Manager coordination with permitting authorities substantially, particularly with regard to mitigation measures. The regulations provide for several exclusions from NSR requirements for qualifying sources, and we are working on language to safeguard Class I areas in that qualification process. (Air Resources)

Open Market Trading Rule - ARD is also working with EPA on revisions to the proposed Open Market Trading Rule, to provide opportunities for sources near Class I areas to make early and greater emission reductions than otherwise required and to receive marketable credits for those reductions. We are also working on safeguard mechanisms to protect Class I areas from trades that could otherwise result in emissions increase impacting those Class I areas. ARD is making this same case with regard to the multistakeholder initiative known as the Ozone Transport Assessment Group. (Air Resources)

GCTVC Technical Committee - The Subcommittees (ARD members - Scruggs and Malm) of the GCTVC Technical Committee will meet in Denver on August 28 and 29. The purpose of the meeting will be to ascertain the level of consensus among the subcommittee members on the appropriateness and limitations of the technical tools and approaches proposed for use in the assessment of visibility impairment in the Colorado Plateau. Some committee members are speculating the consensus process may lead to the use of technical tools that lack the sensitivity necessary for an adequate assessment. (Air Resources)

Colorado School of Mines Cooperative Clears Solicitor - Last week the Solicitor's Office approved the language in the draft Cooperative Studies Agreement between the Natural Resource Center and the School. The focus now shifts to the school, unfortunately, our prime contact at Mines is moving to a job in Ontario. Geologic Resources staff are working with Mines staff to set up a new contact point and appropriate administration and implementation processes. We are planning a technical information exchange in the fall where the NPS will overview our work and needs and Mines staff will present their expertise. Both groups hope to initiate some projects, no matter how minor, this school year just to exercise the process. (Geologic Resources)

Potential Indian Claim in Death Valley Presents Possible Water Issue Water Resources reported that Cal Desert legislation provides a local tribe with development rights within Death Valley that could lead to claims on DEVA water. The Division is looking into the issue.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Ft. Collins Area Code The proposed change of telephone area code for Fort Collins from 303 to 970 has been delayed from October 1, 1995 to January 14, 1996. The delay is because many old telephone systems recognize only area codes with three-digit numbers containing "0" or "1" middle numbers. The number 970-241-0022 has been established as a test number that telephone users can call to verify whether they can call the new 970 area code without problems. (Water Resources)

Denver Administrative Program Center (APC) - Staff who will be transferred from the old Rocky Mountain Region to the new APC met with Natural Resource managers and administrative staff last week to make introductions and begin the transition of administrative servicing, slated to occur officially October 1, 1995. The APC will handle all administrative functions, including personnel, for Denver-based offices. Managers of both organizations plan to meet again this Thursday to go through each program area and specific needs. (Geologic Resources)

Move Debby Peck discussed the move and telephones with Audrey White and Wayne Simms. It is possible that the telephone equipment and their numbers can be moved along with the employees by Sept. 8. Also NCAP employees should be able to bring their equipment with them, but will be assigned new number. Zahid will assist in setting up the computers on the LAN.

Denver Space It appears that DSC and the Intermountain FO would like WASO out of the NPS building in Denver. We have not agreed.