

UGRB Air Quality Citizens Advisory Task Force
Meeting Summary
July 18, 2012
5:00 – 9:00pm
Pinedale BLM Office, Pinedale, WY

Draft for Review

Approved

Task Force Members Present:

John Anderson, Sublette County Resident
 Craig Brown, QEP
 Kent Connelly, Lincoln County
 John Corra, WY Dept. of Environmental Quality
 Shane Deforest, Bureau of Land Management
 Steve Dietrich, WY Dept. of Environmental Quality
 Dave Hohl, Pinedale City Council
 Thomas Johnston, Sublette County
 Carmel Kail, Sublette, County Resident
 Stephanie Kessler, The Wilderness Society
 Cally McKee, Ultra Petroleum
 Tom Monahan, Exxon Mobil
 Cortnie Morrell, Williams
 Andy Nelson, Sublette County
 Bruce Pendery, Wyoming Outdoor Council

Jerimiah Rieman, Governor's Office
 Rod Rozier, Sublette County Resident
 Isabel Ruckers, Sublette County Resident
 Mike Shaffron, Encana Oil and Gas
 Terry Svalberg, US Forest Service
 Hank Williams, Sublette County Resident
 Angela Zivkovich, Shell

Alternates:

Mary Lynn Worl, Sublette County Resident
 John Linn, Sweetwater County

Facilitators:

Steve Smutko, UW Ruckelshaus Institute
 Elizabeth Spaulding, UW Ruckelshaus Institute

Agenda:

1. Welcome & Announcements
2. Agenda and Procedures
3. Conformity Analysis Discussion
4. Option Evaluation
5. Next steps

Handouts:

1. Options Evaluation
2. EPA Non-attainment Timeline
3. Information on the Ozone Advance Program

Action Items:

1. Form a Drafting Committee and begin drafting consensus options into recommendations for the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality.
2. Complete evaluation of options to find where there are consensus options.

Meeting Summary

I. Welcome & Announcements

- A. John Corra welcomed the Task Force, and quickly went through introductions. John stated that the Task Force was now moving toward the drafting of recommendations, and thus reminded Task Force participants to make their ideas and interests known.

II. Agenda, Procedures, Outreach

- A. Elizabeth Spaulding reviewed the agenda for the evening and asked for any questions. She announced that the meeting was being audio recorded in order to catch the entirety of the conversation, as all comments regarding options would be taken into consideration.

III. Conformity Analysis Discussion

- A. John Corra began the discussion on conformity analysis by briefly describing that federal agencies must conduct a conformity analysis to ensure the decisions they make in ozone non-attainment areas are consistent with state plans to bring the area back into attainment. There has been some recent media coverage discussing the potential impact of this conformity analysis on BLM grazing permits. John Corra assured the Task Force that the WDEQ's plan to bring the UGRB non-attainment area back into attainment would not have a significant impact on grazing permits, as the primary emission from cows is methane, which has very low reactivity. Rod Rozier stated that the VOCs the Task Force has been discussing haven't included methane and ethane. Darla Potter stated that the conformity analysis is not included in the EPA or DEQ directives.

IV. Option Evaluation

- A. Steve Smutko began the option evaluation process by reviewing the Option Evaluation Survey completed by 20 of the Task Force participants. He stated that there are 62 options and two hours to vote on them. By using a one through five scale voting system delineated in the Task Force Charter, "1" being participant strongly endorses this option and "5" being participant cannot support this option, the Task Force will determine which of the 62 options are consensus options. These consensus options will be sent to a drafting committee consisting of eight Task Force participants representing the various interest groups. The drafting committee will craft the consensus options into recommendations. These recommendations will be presented to the Task Force for amendment and approval. Drafting committee members will be volunteers, and if there are more than eight volunteers John Corra will determine who sits on the committee.
- B. Mike Shaffron asked how specific the recommendations needed to be. John Corra responded that he didn't want to limit what was recommended, but that recommendations needed to have actions attached to them. He reminded the Task Force that WDEQ may accept all, part, or none of the recommendations. He also stated that some recommendations may be easily implemented while others will need to go through rulemaking procedures.
- C. After some discussion on how votes could be collected most efficiently, the Task Force began to systematically go through each category of options and vote on the options within the category. Once all the votes were tallied within each category, the Task Force was allowed to comment on why they had voted a four or five on something, and if there were any changes that could be made to move their vote to a three or four.
- D. The Task Force voted on 25 options before running out of time. The number of votes for each option were collected, as well as comments regarding votes of four or five. From the first 25 options, 10 options were identified as consensus options. These tallies and comments can be found in Attachment A.

V. Next Steps

- A. The Task Force will vote on the rest of the options, and send the consensus options to the Drafting Committee. From these consensus options, the Drafting Committee will create recommendations for the Task Force's approval.

Next Meeting

Date: July 18, 2012

Time: 5:00 – 9:00 pm

Location: Bureau of Land Management, Pinedale, Wyoming

Draft Agenda:

1. Complete the evaluation of options.