



**SUMMARY OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING #1  
CROSS CUTTING ISSUES TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP  
April 12, 2006**

**Attendance:**

1. TWG Members:
  - Thomas Cecich, Pharmaceutical Consultant
  - Amy MacDonald for Ulla Reeves, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
  - Roger Sheats, Global Warming Initiatives
  - Sharon Stroud for Larry Shirley, State Energy Office
  
2. NC Department of Air Quality (DAQ):
  - Jim Southerland, Liaison to TWG
  - Charles O. Davis
  - Patrick Butler
  
3. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS):
  - Tom Peterson, CAPAG Facilitator
  - Ken Colburn, TWG Co-Facilitator
  - Randy Strait, TWG Co-Facilitator
  
4. Other Attendees:
  - Michael Shore, Environmental Defense
  - Chris Beckham, SC Dept. of Health and Environmental Control
  - Sonya Younger, SC Dept. of Health and Environmental Control
  - Leslie Coolidge, SC Dept. of Health and Environmental Control

**Background documents:**

(all posted at: [http://www.ncclimatechange.us/Cross\\_Cutting.cfm](http://www.ncclimatechange.us/Cross_Cutting.cfm).)

1. Notice & Agenda
2. Powerpoint presentation for meeting
3. Catalog of State Climate Mitigation Options

**Discussion items and key issues:**

1. This was the initial conference call of the Cross Cutting Issues Technical Work Group (CC TWG).

2. Ken Colburn called the meeting to order, did the roll call, then Tom Peterson provided an initial overview of the process and responsibilities of TWGs. Whereas most TWGs are focused on particular options within specific sectors (e.g., energy, residential/commercial/industrial use, transportation and land use, agriculture and forestry), the CC TWG will discuss and develop recommendations that cut across all sectors. Colburn indicated that the CC TWG will be primarily examining inventories, reporting, registries, and education, but that other issues or options may be added from other TWGs depending on need.
3. Colburn reviewed the “Catalog of State Climate Mitigation Options” handout, a list of activities that have been reviewed and/or undertaken in North Carolina and other states regarding emissions inventories, reporting, registries, and public education. This catalog includes items already being considered for implementation by DAQ. Its purpose is simply to serve as a starting place that the TWG can add to, modify, or delete from as it deliberates policy options most appropriate for North Carolina.
4. It was noted that the “Catalog” should focus on the policy options to be considered by the TWG, and a separate “design options matrix” will be developed to help the TWG determine the attributes of individual policy recommendations. Some of the elements listed in the “Catalog” for this meeting will probably be moved to this latter matrix.
5. Timing for analysis of policy options in the “Catalog” was briefly discussed. The TWG could proceed with analyzing options for inventories, reporting, registries, and education either sequentially or sequentially.
6. A brief introduction to the history of registries was given to the group with some focus on RGGR, California, LADCO, and some discussion about the new Eastern Climate Registry, registry efforts in the West, and possible national “Registry Alliance” that may develop. Greater clarity of what it takes to make a dependable registry is evolving even though there are some major differences between the earlier efforts. WRI for example, has a *Greenhouse Gas Protocol* that closely agrees with the ISO 14064. These will likely constitute a reasonable yardstick for future work. Reporting is a cornerstone for GHG registries.
7. The question was asked if the Cross Cutting Issues TWG should be responsible for setting GHG emission reduction goals. Peterson explained that goal setting was the responsibility of the NC Legislative Commission on Climate Change. The CAPAG is responsible for recommending measures that could be used to match up with and meet any goals ultimately defined by the Commission under its legislative mandate. CAPAG and the TWG's would be amenable to providing some level of technical input to that Commission as it might request, but that this would be done only upon careful evaluation of what best steps could be taken by the group and how resources could be best utilized for the prime purpose of CAPAG regarding the assessment of options and a plan. It was agreed that the DAQ Director would interface with the Commission regarding any potential requests to assist and make an appropriate determination at that time.

8. The question was asked if it would make sense for CCS to give the Cross Cutting Issues TWG a “strawman” proposal for GHG reporting and a registry for the TWG to evaluate further. Colburn emphasized that other options would not be closed off and that an outline of options could be provided. It was agreed that CCS would make an effort to draft appropriate documentation to initiate discussion at the next TWG meeting.
9. Jim Southerland provided a brief overview of DAQ initiatives under consideration, pointing the TWG to the Appendix of the Clean Smokestacks Act (CSA) Report of September 2004 (on DAQ web) as a reference on what has been done and discussed at that point for the future. In addition, he pointed out that the September 2005 report contained commitments and recommendations relative to an inventory and a registry that were subject to modification if any TWG recommendations should warrant it. Currently, DAQ is making plans to complete a mandatory GHG inventory of all CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent compounds emitted from permitted air pollution sources in the state for Calendar Year 2008. The CSA reports also provide background and status information on what has been done over the past several years in the state for the DOE 1605(b) process, and that the state has the best record of any state in this regard. He noted that under option 1.1 in the options matrix for reporting, adding an inventory of permitted point sources may be an appropriate addition or change to make for the next meeting.
10. For education and outreach, the TWG will need to frame an approach. For example, several subparts should be explored and discussed including, but not limited to, the following: Outreach (audience), Public School System, Policy Development & Application (legislature), Public in General, and Environmental Interest Groups. CCS could provide a matrix to define target audiences.

**Next steps:**

1. CCS will provide the TWG with a revised “Catalog of State Climate Mitigation and Policy Options.” TWG members were requested to review this revision carefully and make recommendations for additions or further revisions by April 20, 2006 if possible. Changes will no doubt continue to be made throughout the process, but feedback is needed quickly to get this process in motion.
2. CCS will also develop and circulate a matrix of issues relative to GHG reporting for TWG discussion.
3. The next CC TWG call will be **Friday, May 5, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Eastern time.**