



**SUMMARY OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING #8
CROSS CUTTING (CC) ISSUES TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)
September 20, 2006**

Attendance:

1. TWG Members:
 - Daniel Besse, Local Official
 - Dee Eggers, UNC-Asheville
 - Steve Kalland, NC Solar Center
 - Steve McNulty, USDA - Forest Service
 - Chuck Pickering, Biltmore Estate
 - Ulla Reeves, Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
 - Michael Shore, Environmental Defense
2. NC Department of Air Quality (DAQ):
 - Jim Southerland, Liaison to CC TWG
 - Brock Nicholson
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.ncclimatechange.us/Cross_Cutting.cfm.)

1. Meeting Notice & Agenda (including provisions for public access)
2. Summary for Call #7 (August 31, 2006)
3. PowerPoint© presentation for meeting
4. Revised Catalog of State Climate Mitigation Options
5. Consolidated Mitigation Options

Discussion items and key issues:

This was the eighth 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. Members of the CC TWG approved without objection the summary for Call #7.

3. Goals for CAPAG Meeting #4: The goal for the TWG is to complete the description of each policy option in the template at a minimum, and to complete the design elements of each policy option if possible for distribution to the CAPAG. The cut-off date for working on the straw templates for each option is Monday, October 2. CCS will compile the work completed into one file for distribution to the CAPAG.
4. Small Group Efforts on Education/Outreach, Adaptation, & Goals: An update was provided on progress made by the members that volunteered to work on developing the template for these three mitigation options.
5. Goals/Targets: Ken provided an overview of the table of “State GHG Reduction Goals” provided in the slides for the meeting. The information in the table is dynamic and will be updated periodically as new information becomes available. The “Climate Plan Coverage” column shows the amount of reductions that a state’s climate action plan will achieve toward meeting the state’s goal/target. For some states, the coverage is to be determined (TBD); these are states that have undertaken a comprehensive, statewide plan development process but the state has either not completed the process or the plan has not officially been adopted by state authorities.

The question was asked if the information in the state GHG reduction goals table represented complete coverage of all states. Ken noted yes, except that New Hampshire should be added to the table. New Hampshire and Massachusetts have adopted the goals included in the Northeast East Governors / Eastern Canadian Premiers (NEG/ECP) climate action plan. However, these two states have not developed their own comprehensive plans to show how they will meet the goals in the NEG/ECP plan. The information in the table does not reflect a state or local initiative for adopting and implementing a specific mitigation measure outside of a comprehensive planning process.

The TWG discussed next steps for framing of the goals/targets mitigation option. It was suggested that the CAPAG consider during its next meeting a recommendation to the Legislative Commission on Global Climate Change (LCGCC) that pursuit of a GHG reduction goal or target will be beneficial for North Carolina. The small group for goals/targets will prepare the language explaining why a goal/target will be beneficial to the state for discussion at CAPAG Meeting #4. The TWG agreed with this approach.

6. Mitigation Options for Inventories and Forecasting: Ken briefly covered the decisions that the TWG made during previous calls on the design characteristics of this option. The TWG confirmed the design characteristics. CCS will work with DAQ to prepare the straw template for this option.
7. Mitigation Options for Reporting and Registry: Ken began reviewing the design characteristics for reporting near the end of the meeting. The TWG discussed the merits of mandatory versus voluntary reporting. It was recommended that this element for the reporting option not be characterized as either; just call it reporting. The TWG favored DAQ’s approach that will require permitted sources to report GHG emissions starting in 2008. Thereafter, reporting for other sources

can be accomplished based upon the availability of protocols for quantifying emissions. CCS will work with DAQ to prepare the straw template for this option.

8. Agenda for Next Call: Review results of CAPAG Meeting #4 and progress on developing the straw templates for each mitigation option.
9. Call to the Public: There were no public participants.
10. Announcements:
 - The LCGCC will hold a meeting on October 3, 2006.
 - CAPAG Meeting #4 will be held October 12, 2006 at the NC State Centennial Campus.

Next steps:

1. The next CC TWG call (#9) will be **Thursday, October 26, from 9:00–10:30 a.m. Eastern time**. Action: CCS will notify the full TWG of the date and time for call #9 and send a reminder out several days before the call.
2. Mitigation Option Template for Education and Outreach, Adaptation, and Goals/Targets: Action: TWG subgroup members to continue working on developing straw proposals and update the TWG during the Oct. 26 meeting.
3. Mitigation Option Template for Inventories and Forecasting, Reporting, and Registries: Action: CCS and DAQ to continue working on developing straw proposals and update the TWG during the Oct. 26 meeting.