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**SUMMARY OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING #3  
CROSS-CUTTING (CC) ISSUES TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP (TWG)  
July 12, 2007**

**Attendance:**

1. TWG Members:  
Will Anthony, Duke Bascom, Bill Droessler, J. Drake Hamilton, Bill Heaney, Jeff Muffat, Mike Robertson, Sheldon Strom, Nim Treager
2. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA):  
David Thornton (Agency Staff Lead)  
Peter Ciborowski, Lisa Herschberger, Bill Sierks
3. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS):  
Ken Colburn, TWG Co-Facilitator  
Randy Strait, TWG Co-Facilitator  
Katie Pasko, TWG Assistant
4. Other Attendees:  
Jenny Engh (for Greg Jason), Jim Turner (for David Sparby), and Rick Evans

**Background documents:**

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

1. Meeting Notice & Agenda (including provisions for public access)
2. Draft Summary of Call #2
3. PowerPoint© presentation for meeting
4. CC Draft Catalog of State Actions

**Discussion items and key issues:**

This was the third 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. Summary for Call #2 was approved by the TWG without any changes to the summary.
3. Dates and Times for Next TWG Call: See item #1 under “Next steps” at the end of this summary. It was noted that the schedule for all remaining MCCAG and TWG meetings to be held through the end of the process are now available on the project website and can be accessed through the “Schedule” button located on the left-hand side of the home page. The phone number and access codes for the public to listen to the calls and meetings are also provided in this area of the website. The CCS facilitators will provide

the TWG members with a separate access code to be used by only TWG members for each call or meeting of the CC TWG.

4. Review of results of MCCAG Meeting #2: Colburn noted that the MCCAG provided strong approval of TWG's recommended state actions in the draft catalog. Colburn also summarized the comments that the MCCAG provided on individual options and noted that the catalog for this call was revised to incorporate the comments. The following summarizes the MCCAG's comments on the options:
  - CC-2 (GHG Reporting) and CC-3 (GHG Registry): Include requirements of "Next Generation Energy Act of 2007" (S.F.145). The S.F. 145 requirements are included in the notes column of the catalog for the options to which they apply.
  - CC-7 (Public Education and Outreach): Add faith-based organizations as a separate audience.
  - Public Education and Outreach (CC-7):
    - CC-7.1 (State and Tribal Government Education and Outreach Actions): Include tribal authorities.
    - CC-7.7 (Target Audience: Faith-Based Organizations and Communities): This was added to the catalog as a new sub-action as requested by the MCCAG.
  - CC-11 (Participate in Regional and Multi-State GHG Reduction Efforts): Change "Consider joining" to "Join."
  - CC-13 (Dedicate Greater Public Investment to Climate Data and Analysis) / CC-14 (Dedicate Greater Public Investment to Climate-Related Research, Development, and Distribution): Include development or improvement of computer modeling.
  - CC-15 (Facilitate the Development of Terrestrial Sequestration Offsets Market(s)): Asked the CC TWG to consider moving this option to the AFW TWG.
5. Review goals for MCCAG Meeting #3: The primary focus of this meeting is for the CC TWG to review the Catalog of State Actions to develop its list of priorities to recommend to the MCCAG for development as policy options. The MCCAG will meet on August 2, 2007 to review and approve each TWG's recommended priority policy options for analysis. The TWG can add and consolidate actions in the catalog at this point prior to developing its recommendations to the MCCAG. Colburn noted that each of the TWGs will be recommending 10 to 12 actions to the MCCAG for development as policy options. The other TWGs have many more than 10 to 12 options to consider, and, therefore, they will be using a balloting process to determine their top 10 to 12 priorities.
6. Review next steps for TWG: After the MCCAG approves the TWG's recommended priority policy options for analysis, the TWG will begin preparing straw proposals. CCS will provide the TWG with a design template to follow in developing the straw proposals. Colburn covered the elements of the design template provided in the PowerPoint file. Colburn noted that the TWG will first focus on developing the description and design characteristics for each of the priority policy options. These items will then be reviewed and approved by the MCCAG at its fourth meeting prior to proceeding with filling in the remaining elements of the template. This is an important step particularly for the sector-

specific TWGs because the design characteristics of an option determine the parameters for quantifying emission reductions and costs or cost savings associated with the policy options.

7. Consideration of Priority Policy Options: The TWG reviewed and consolidated several of the state actions on the catalog. After consolidating actions, the CCS facilitator asked the TWG if there were any members that objected to recommending each option as a priority for analysis to the MCCAG. The following provides a summary of the how the TWG consolidated state actions on the catalog and the TWGs recommendations to the MCCAG.
  - The TWG agreed (without objection) to recommend to the MCCAG the following catalog actions as priority policy options for analysis:
    - CC-4 (Statewide GHG Reduction Goals and Targets)
    - CC-7 (Public Education and Outreach)
    - CC-10 (Adaptation and Vulnerability)
    - CC-11 (Participate in Regional and Multi-State GHG Reduction Efforts)
    - CC-12 (Encourage the Creation of a Business-Oriented Organization to Share Information and Strategies, Recognize successes, and Support Aggressive GHG Reduction Goals)
    - CC-15 (Facilitate the Development of an Effective Carbon Credit System for MN) – the former title of CC-15 was “Facilitate the Development of Terrestrial Sequestration Offsets Market(s).” The TWG agreed to change the title of this option to reflect the intent of the sub- option on the catalog. The TWG also agreed to refer work on options related to terrestrial sequestration market(s) to the AFW TWG as suggested by the MCCAG.
  - The TWG agreed (without objection) to consolidate the following catalog actions into separate policy options to recommend to the MCCAG as priorities for analysis:
    - CC-1 (Inventories and Forecasting), CC-2 (GHG Reporting), and CC-3 (GHG Registry)
    - CC-5 (State and Local Government GHG Emissions (Lead-by-Example)) and CC-6 (Comprehensive Local Government Climate Action Plans (Counties, Cities, etc.))
    - CC-8 (Tax and Cap Policies) and CC-16 (Investigate Greater Coordination of Environmental Attributes Trading Associated with Electric Power Generation) – the CC TWG agreed that quantification of tax and cap policies should be addressed by the ES or RCI TWG provided that these TWGs recommend these policies as priority options that are approved by the MCCAG. The CC TWG also agreed that they would like tax and cap policies to be evaluated to cover multiple sectors as well as a regional approach. Therefore, the CC TWG agreed to keep CC-8 as a recommended priority for analysis to ensure that their concerns are addressed. The TWG agreed to combine CC-16 with CC-8 since the majority of

emissions trading has occurred with the electric power industry and that issues related to this option could be included in quantification analyses on tax and cap policies.

- CC-13 (Dedicate Greater Public Investment to Climate Data and Analysis) and CC-14 (Dedicate Greater Public Investment to Climate-Related Research, Development, and Distribution (RD&D))
  - The TWG agreed to add a new option titled “Create a Market Advisory Group.”
  - The TWG agreed (without objection) to not recommend to the MCCAG the following catalog actions as priority policy options for analysis:
    - CC-9 (Seek Funding for Implementation of Climate Action Panel Recommendations) – the CC TWG agreed that each of the other TWGs should identify and address any funding issues associated with implementation of the priority policy options approved by the MCCAG.
    - CC-17 (Develop and Maintain a Concerted Presence in Washington, DC to Help Ensure that Federal Climate Policy Developments Respect Minnesota’s Interests)
8. Call to the Public: There were no public participants.
9. Announcements: The next MCCAG meeting will take place at the Crowne Plaza in St. Paul. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am.

**Next steps:**

1. The next CC TWG call (#4) will be held on **Wednesday, August 15 from 2-3:30 CDT**. CCS will notify the full TWG of the date and time for the call and send a reminder out several days before the call. The goals for the next TWG meeting will be to (1) review the MCCAG’s decision during its August 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on priority policy options for analysis, and (2) to begin work on developing the straw proposal description and design characteristics for each of the priority policy options.
2. Draft Catalog of State Actions: CCS will revise the catalog to incorporate the results of today’s TWG discussion.