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The Newsletter of



Letter from the Leadership Team

NWCAPP Continues to Grow

It's been over a year since our successful Northwest Air Summit in Seattle. Much has happened since then. The purpose of this newsletter is to tell you what the NWCAPP has been up to.

As most of you know, several months ago Barb McAllister retired from her position as director of EPA's Region 10 Office of Air Quality. Barb is the reason NWCAPP started in the first place and why the summit had been such a ground-breaking success. Besides wishing her well in retirement, NWCAPP acknowledges her leadership and vision. Her energy and enthusiasm were infectious. (Please see the interview with Barb in this newsletter).

Janice Hastings is now representing EPA Region 10 on the Leadership Team. EPA reorganized after Barb McAllister retired. After combing two offices to increase efficiency and effectiveness, Janice Hastings is now the assistant director of the Office of Air, Waste and Toxics. Rick Albright is the new office director. Jan has the responsibility for overseeing efforts related to air quality in Region 10. EPA employee Anne Dalrymple is continuing her outstanding support of the NWCAPP. Her assistance with meeting logistics, Web site maintenance, and outreach has been truly remarkable.

Other developments include a name change for NWCAPP. Although the acronym remains the same, the word "Project" has been replaced with "Partnership." We are now known as the Northwest Collaborative Air Priorities Partnership. The new name is less restrictive and more dynamic.

Changes have also occurred within the leadership team. New members include Barbara Cole, Maggie Yowell Hall and Brian Jennison. Barbara brings a wealth of experience to the Leadership Team. She manages the corporate and seaport air quality program for the Port of Seattle. Maggie is an attorney with the Marten Law Group in Seattle. She is very active in the environmental law arena and is an excellent addition to the team. As director for the Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority in Oregon, Brian replaces Bob Elliot, bringing the local agency perspective on air quality from the State of Oregon. The leadership team will change as necessary as NWCAPP continues to grow. Some current members may discontinue their participation on team while new representation comes on board.

Over the past year, members of the Leadership Team have been busy working on achieving non-profit status for NWCAPP. With the help of the Leadership Team will we will be setting up a board of directors that will work closely with the executive director.

In addition to these many changes, the projects associated with NWCAPP continue to address our priorities throughout the region (see project map). NWCAPP is transforming air quality in the Pacific Northwest.

Richard A. Stedman
Executive Director
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NWCAPP's

Legacy of Leadership

By the definitions below, and others, Barb McAllister is a superb leader.

As Air Director for EPA Region 10, Barb went out and created a brand new paradigm for air quality protections.

She stepped out on her own, first creating the concept, and then making the case, for the Northwest Collaborative Air Project (NWCAPP). “Basically, what I

observed was that there were many people who were passionate about air issues in the northwest,” McAllister said. “But there was too much duplication of efforts. I constantly heard that there was too much work to get it all done.”

So McAllister, working with EPA’s Julie Bowen, developed the idea of bringing the diverse community of air experts together to address common goals and issues. They looked to a collaborative process to help get some of the most important air quality work done as efficiently and effectively as possible.

“As Air Director, I had the ability to get some EPA people together to help us, and we mapped out strategies for the project,” McAllister said. “It all began with the central question, ‘How do we bring large groups of people together to accomplish something?’”

The critical element, McAllister said, “was recruiting

the leadership team. We needed to find and recruit the movers and shakers in a diversity of areas.” McAllister desired a broad coalition, so she sought out leaders from state and local air agencies, from other government agencies, from tribal entities, from academia, from the business sector and from activist groups.

The NWCAPP concept was innovative and its goals were perhaps a bit grand. “Nobody I knew had tried to bring together such a diverse group for a common purpose. Our strategy was to group people together who were different.” The goal, McAllister said, was to get people to expand their personal horizons

and at least hear different points of view, even if they didn’t fully accept them.

The result was the ground-breaking NWCAPP Summit in June,

2003. “We were able to bring together a cross section of all the people of the Northwest, people who are passionate about air.

We got them together in one room and got good work done,” McAllister said.

When asked if the Summit was a success, McAllister noted that the primary goal was indeed met—a diverse group did work productively together—but hedged a bit, noting, “How do you measure success? I learned some new things and changed my own point of view a

You don't lead by pointing and telling people some place to go. You lead by going to that place and making a case.

—Ken Kesey

If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader.

—John Quincy Adams

bit on certain things. Some people left unchanged, however.”

“Was it a success?” she posed, “One way to look at it is, as a result of the summit, is anyone now working on something they weren’t before, and are they working with someone new.” Since each of those questions can be answered with a resounding “yes!” the summit should be measured a success.

As importantly, the work continues even after Barb McAllister—the originator and motivator of the project—passed on the leadership baton. McAllister retired last winter

from the EPA and the NWCAPP leadership has shifted to a team of air quality professionals interested in building on the successes of the program. Although the acronym is still the same, the NWCAPP is now the Northwest Collaborative Air Priorities Partnership.

“People continue to work together on high priority projects and areas we identified in the NWCAPP Summit,” McAllister said. “People are reducing risks to humans and the environment through this work.”

The NWCAPP of the future may

be something quite different than the innovative processes we’ve seen to date, but that is as it should be, McAllister notes. “It will have to change form and morph as it grows. It will need passionate, committed people who are movers and shakers in their fields,” she said. “But we have that in the leadership team. NWCAPP will continue.”

In this, McAllister meets John Quincy Adams’s definition of leadership—she has motivated a host of air quality professionals to move forward with the innovative project that is NWCAPP.

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NWCAPP PRIORITIES



Reduce emissions from transportation, especially diesel and carbon dioxide, and support land use planning and alternate transportation as tools.



Reduce emissions from combustion, including: energy production, and residential, forestry, and agricultural burning. Support alternative energy sources.



Reduce risks from air pollution indoors, including: homes, offices, schools, and other buildings.



Increase support for education and other means of encouraging the public to take actions to reduce air pollution.



Reduce health risks from outdoor toxic air pollutants, including identification of hot spots and primary contributing sources of toxic emissions.



Reduce greenhouse gas emissions causing climate change.



Reduce health risks from toxic and other air pollution where people live, especially in minority, low income, rural, and other under-represented communities.



Reduce risks to ecosystems, tribal communities, and their cultural resources from toxic and other air pollution sources.

NWCAPP Celebrates Regional Air Quality Projects

The West Coast Diesel Emissions Reductions Collaborative (WCDERC) is working to reduce air pollution emissions from diesel sources along the west coast. Includes the EPA, other federal agencies, British Columbia, Mexico, and state, local, non-profit and private sector partners from Alaska, California, Oregon and Washington. The goal is to significantly improve air quality and public health by leveraging over \$100 million/year for 5 years to reduce emissions from the most polluting diesel sources in the most impacted communities. Contact NWCAPP representative Rich Stedman (ORCAA) at (360) 586-1044 x100.

NW-AIRQUEST is a collaboration which grew out of NWCAPP and that seeks to develop, maintain, and enhance a sound scientific basis for air quality management decision-making in the Pacific Western Region of North America (encompassing the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and Alaska in the United States, and the provinces of British Columbia and Alberta in Canada.) NW-AIRQUEST remains abreast of the state-of-the-science and develops regionally consistent technical approaches for emission inventories, air quality modeling, and air monitoring. Contact NWCAPP representative Rich Stedman (ORCAA) at (360) 586-1044 x100.

Thanks to assistance from EPA headquarters, Region 10 now offers air toxics risk assessment training to federal, state and local agencies and interested parties. Up to date risk assessment information is presented over an intensive, but fun, three day course. Courses are offered in Seattle and Portland. Contact Peter Murchie at (503) 326-6554.

Morris Mennell of Environment Canada and Barbara Cole of the Port of Seattle co-chaired the NW CAPP Marine Vessels and Ports Emissions team. The team engaged the air quality and maritime community in a collaborative effort to voluntarily address diesel emissions from ships and port activities. The NWCAPP team planned the successful April 2004 West Coast Region Conference on Marine Port Air Quality Impacts. People who want to participate in the next phase of the Marine Vessels and Ports Emissions work in the region can contact Barbara Cole (Port of Seattle) at (206) 728-3326.

The I-5 Truck Stop Electrification project is one of several projects being proposed by the WCDERC. Lane Regional Air Pollution Authority is partnering with Oregon DEQ to promote truck stop electrification at three locations along the I-5 Corridor. Locations in Washington and California will also be included. Contact Brian Jennison (LRAPA) at (541) 736-1056.

The Georgia Basin-Puget Sound International Airshed Strategy is an initiative led by Environment Canada PYR and the US EPA Region 10 to address regional transboundary air quality issues. Partners in the IAS process include federal, state, provincial, and local governments, and First Nations and Tribes from Canada and the USA. Contact Martin Mullan at (604) 666.9863.

The NW Air Quality Communicators are public information staff from federal, state and local air agencies in Idaho, Oregon and Washington who collaborate to share ideas and resources. The group is working on a three-state media campaign re: the negative health effects of outdoor burning and an anti-idling campaign for schools. Contact: Alice Collingwood, (206) 689-4043.

Environment Canada and partner agencies and stakeholders are participating in the West Coast Diesel Emission Reduction Collaborative by supporting diesel emission reduction initiatives under the Georgia Basin-Puget Sound International Airshed Strategy. Contact Morris Mennell at (604) 666-2815.

During peak agricultural field burning season (July through October), the Clearwater Airshed collaborative group (Idaho State Dept. of Agriculture, IDEQ, US EPA and the Nez Perce Tribe) coordinates daily burn decisions across local, airshed, and regional areas for smoke management. For more information about the Nez Perce Tribe's involvement, contact Julie Simpson (208) 843-7375.

NW Biodiesel Project: Goal to increase demand and availability of locally produced biodiesel through aggregated government purchase and use. Long-term goals are to develop a flourishing NW Biodiesel industry including production, processing, transport and use. In January, hosted the BioDiesel Summit that capitalized on the momentum from the NWCAPP summit in June. Work will shift to two non-profits (public/private partnerships): The Puget Sound Clean Cities Coalition and Harvesting Clean Energy for Rural Landowners. Contact Kevin Downing (ODEQ) at (503) 229-6549.

Washington Clean School Bus Retrofit Program is being managed through a partnership that includes the Washington Dept. of Ecology, the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the local clean air agencies in the state. Under this program, 5,000 diesel school buses, more than half the existing fleet statewide, will be retrofitted between now and 2008 to make them cleaner for the children who ride them. It will also provide cleaner air for citizens to breathe throughout the communities the buses serve. Contact Mike Boyer (WA DOE) at (360) 407-6863.

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