

## Agricultural Burning Practices & Research Task Force #82 Meeting Summary

DATE: February 8, 2011

LOCATION: Department of Ecology Eastern Regional Office, Spokane WA.

<b><u>Members Present</u></b>		<b><u>Representing</u></b>
Karen Wood- Chair	Air Quality Program	Department of Ecology
Jay Penner	Washington Association of Wheat Growers	Agricultural Community
Dan McCarthy	Okanogan Horticultural Association	Agricultural Community
John Cornwall	Grass Seed Industry	Grass Seed Industry
Larry Cochran	WA. Assn. of Conservation Districts	Conservation Districts
Michael Ingham	Alfalfa Seed Industry	Agricultural Community
Bill Johnston	Washington State University	Academia, (Crop & Soil)
<b><u>Alternates Present</u></b>		
Matt Holmquist	Spokane Regional Clean Air Agency	Eastern Washington Local Air Authorities
Chris Simpson	University Of Washington	Public Health
<b><u>Members Absent</u></b>		
Michael Bush	WSU Extension	Academia, (Tree Fruit)
Jeff Canaan	WA. Dept. of Agricultural	WA. Dept. of Agriculture

### **Introductions, Announcements**

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The 82<sup>nd</sup> Agricultural Burning Practices and Research Task Force (Task Force) meeting was held on February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at the Department of Ecology's Eastern Regional Office in Spokane, Washington. The Task Force meeting began with the introduction of Task Force members and guests.

The February meeting is reserved for updating the Task Force on the Agricultural Burning Program costs and revenues, hearing research project reports, scoping future funding needs and discussing research direction. Per the Task Force Governance Document it is also scheduled for scoping changes and discussion about Best Management Practices, (BMP's).

### **Agricultural Burn Program Costs and Revenues**

Paul Rossow, from Ecology's Eastern Regional Office, presented several tables and charts illustrating how much the Agricultural Burning Program brings in from permit fee revenue, and how much the program costs to operate. In addition, he presented an estimate of how the revenue is expected to change, as the permit fee increases are fully realized. He outlined how the "cost" of the program depends on what is included (research, air monitoring). The percentage of

program costs which are matched by revenue are expected to increase from about 21% for Fiscal Year 2010 to about 53% in Fiscal Year 2012.

### **Research Update Presentations**

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The research projects the Task Force recommended funding during the 2009-2011 biennium are coming to a close and researchers were invited to share their results at this meeting. The presenters discussed what they had accomplished over the past 18 months, how their research was progressing, problems they had encountered, and solutions they were trying.

Links to all presentations are in PDF format and are located below:

[Kentucky Bluegrass](#)

[Straw Management](#)

[Straw Utilization](#)

### **Task Force discussion**

The Task Force asked to have Ecology draft a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit research grant proposals for the 2011-2013 funding cycle which begins July 1, 2011. Submitted proposals should be distributed to Task Force prior to the next meeting.

### **BMP's**

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Ecology and the task force members saw no need for changes to the Best Management Practices.

The next meeting will be held June14, 2011.