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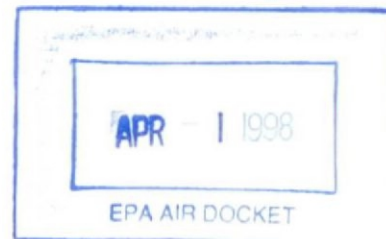
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Conference Call on State Reporting Requirements for OTAG NOx SIP call

As you know, in the ozone transport SIP call, EPA said it would establish a workgroup with States to determine the types of State reporting requirements needed to track progress toward meeting the Statewide NOx emissions budgets. The reporting requirements will be included in the SIP call supplemental proposal that EPA expects to sign at the end of March. We are intending to hold the one day reporting work group session in early January in Durham, NC. Prior to that meeting, we would like to have several calls with a smaller group of States and State organizations to identify key issues and have preliminary discussions of various reporting elements. These initial discussions will provide useful information for structuring the work group session. The first call is scheduled for Thursday, November 13 from 10:00-12:00 a.m. The call-in number is 919-541-4407. Below is a list of questions to help guide the discussion.

If you know of any other State organizations that should be involved, please let me know and we will include them. We look forward to working with you on this issue.

Tom Helms



General Questions

What types of reporting and tracking requirements are needed to assure progress is being made toward meeting the NOx budget?

What lessons have you learned from previous experiences with tracking progress? What worked, what didn't?

What should be the reporting frequency?

What information should reports include (e.g., emissions, indicators, growth, control effectiveness)?

Should the different source sectors be tracked differently?

How quickly can emissions or indicator information be gathered and quality assured?

What information do States routinely gather that would be useful for this purpose?

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