

Measurement Task Force

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Present:	Unable to Join:
Gary Miller – WMRC Debra Jacobson – GLRPPR/WMRC Karen Teliha – IN DEM David Herb – MI DEQ David Liebl – WI SHWEC Lori Fryzuk – Environment Canada Cindy McComas – MNTAP Tania DelMato – C2P2 Ted Smith – EPA GLNPO Phil Kaplan – EPA Region 5 Mary Beth Holley – Techsolve OH Marcia Horan – MI DEQ David Althoff – PA DEP Roger Hannahs – OH	Abby Corso – Delta Institute Kevin Greene – IEPA Cindy Hilmoe – MN PCA Mary Rossi – NY Erie County DEC Marc McDermid – WI DNR Jack Annis – WI SHWEC Brad Cumming – Environment Canada

Action Items

- 1). Submit summary of P2 measurement approach used to Deb Jacobson by February 1
- 2). By Feb. 1 volunteer to serve on one of the Workgroups. Deb and Gary will appoint those that do not volunteer.
- 3). Each workgroup should meet and report back on their activities including milestones by the next call – February 23. Gary and Deb will select a person to initiate the first call of each workgroup.

Objective of this task force:

This task force will seek to understand how programs in GLRPPR currently measure P2 progress in their states – at the program and statewide levels. We will also evaluate how others measure P2 results and how we can adopt methods to improve the quality of those results and report more similar results. This Task Force will also identify resource limitations and difference between programs and state frameworks. The GLRPPR Steering Committee will determine who from Region 5 will represent the GLRPPR at the national level. Deb Jacobson will represent GLRPPR to the P2Rx project which is expected to have a key role in developing measurement tools and reporting systems.

The state representatives on this task force will be asked to represent their state and their agency in sharing opinions and existing activities within their state. They will also help coordinate opinions, collect data, and share regional and national measurement activity information with organizations and representatives within their state.

Agenda

Report on feedback/follow-up from last call.

Only one individual has provided a summary of their state or organization's measurement efforts as requested on the last call. In order to get an impression of the current measurement activities in the region, Gary and Deb had requested that each representative on the task force send a summary to Deb.

Members are asked to please provide this information by February 1, 2004.

Establish Workgroups

A main goal for today was to get subcommittees formed and get each task force member working on one. Deb Jacobson and Gary Miller suggested three below as one way to tackle this.

- TRI Improvement

Volunteers:

Kevin Greene, Karen Teliha, Roger Hannahs, Ted Smith, Mary Beth Holley (industry input)

- Organizing State Networks and Reporting

Goal – Reporting methods

- identify organizations (in addition to the list already assembled by GLRPPR) that could be a data contributor.

Deb Jacobson and Cindy McComas will draft a straw man document which makes some suggestions about what data could be measured and reported (ultimately to EPA and NPPR). This would provide the work group members something to begin discussion with their constituents within their state.

Volunteers: Cindy McComas, Phil Kaplan, Lori Fryzuk, Debra Jacobson, David Herb

- Quality Characterization (including tools for collecting better data)

Goal – Identify the basic ways to measure P2 results (e.g., direct measurements, voluntary reports from clients, mandatory reports, interviews) and characterize the precision, completeness and accuracy of each approach.

Volunteers: Gary Miller, David Liebl, Abby Corso, Tania Del Mato

Existing Methods of Measuring

- KC Meeting

Deb Jacobson participated in a meeting at EPA Region 7 in Kansas City. The purpose of the meeting was to review the P2 Measurement Agglomeration Tool developed by Ken Grimm at the Pacific P2 Resource Center (PPRC) out of Seattle, Washington.

As a result of that meeting, the participants determined:

1. The measurement data collected for this tool needs to be unified among all of the states. This should be coordinated by representatives from each region who could then represent the states in his/her region about their suggestions of measures.

This will also be coordinated with U.S. EPA and NPPR representatives.

2. The PPRC resource is much different than some of the other measurement data collection tools developed by other states or programs, i.e., NEWMOA's measurement tool.
3. The PPRC resource can be updated and changed based on feedback and needs of the users.
4. The PPRC resource can be modified to interface with existing measurement tools.

- USEPA P2 Measurement White Paper

Andy Privee U.S. EPA Office of Pollution Prevention drafted a white paper on P2 measures. **Each member needs to re-review that document.** Per Phil Kaplan, given the changes that have recently taken place, that document may not hold true to the objectives of the measurement efforts now.

NPPR Role

- Task Force

NPPR is forming a National P2 Measurement Task Force. Terri Goldberg from NEWMOA and Chris Wiley from PPRC are heading up this task force. In addition to being NPPR members, both represent Regional P2Rx Centers.

- EPA Grant

EPA Plans to give NPPR \$50,000 in this first year to support the development of a second report. NPPR and EPA are expecting the states to contribute data similar to the process that contributed to the first report. The new report will cover 2001-2002 data (per Terry Grogan – US EPA). Gary Miller distributed a copy of the NPPR grant proposal for review.

EPA and NPPR anticipate the P2Rx centers, which include GLRPPR, will have a data collecting and coordination role in this and future years.

Time lines/Milestones – each workgroup needs to establish these. Overall, we agreed to see how much we can accomplish in 6 months (by June 30, 2004). At that time we will reassess our progress and determine if further work is needed.

Next Conf Call

February 23, 2004 at 9:30 a.m. central time. Call-in number is 217-265-5200.