

West Silver Valley Citizens Advisory Committee

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1. Introductions – In attendance were 4 residents; Karen Maravilla, Val Wade, Dawn Hauff, and Jann Higdem. 2 representatives from the Montana Airshed Group; Erin Law and Paul Wagner. DEQ staff included Ralph Paul, Mark Boyle, and Dan Smith.

2. Committee Business:

New Business – Dan Smith reported on the importance of purchasing, storing, and burning dry firewood. The grant has allowed for approximately 75 wood sheds and Dan is in the process of getting additional information on inexpensive wood storage systems.

Val Wade and Jann Higdem suggested Dan contact the local High School(s) to ask about further educating the science and wood shop students, with an additional emphasis on allowing students to help build the wood storage systems.

Dan states there will be moisture meters available for residents to use and/or borrow to help determine their firewood has a moisture content of 20% or less.

3. Action items:

Messaging – Dan Smith is working on an informational brochure which will help further educate the public on the importance of burning dry firewood.

4. Topic Discussion:

SIP elements – Mark Boyle stated DEQ has a “delegated” permitting program. This element is required under the CAA and is part of the SIP submittal. The original attainment date under the CAA date is no later than December 31, 2021. The work so far suggests attainment by December 31, 2019.

A description of the expected annual incremental reductions in emissions will be addressed in the modeling demonstration. Which simply means what reductions occur each year. Two emissions inventories have been developed as required for SIP. No other control measures will be required, per preliminary results.

The technical evaluation has addressed precursors and will demonstrate controlling precursors are not applicable in this case. Since the attainment date is 2019 it is as expeditious as possible and meets CAA requirements.

DEQ identified 21 wood stoves that had been replaced since 2013 and prior to this year. Reductions from these 21 stoves will be taken in the SIP analysis. DEQ’s technical analysis indicated an additional 35 wood stove replacements occurring in the City of Pinehurst by the end of 2017 will show that the area will meet the annual National Ambient Air Quality Standard for PM_{2.5}.

The last reduction technique used by DEQ for this SIP is voluntary measures. These measures include education, the voluntary woodstove and open burning curtailment program and the yard waste collection program. The EPA will allow the use of these reductions but only up to 6% of the total reductions needed for the SIP attainment demonstration.

5. Next meeting – November 17, 2016 from 6-7pm at Pinehurst City Hall, Pinehurst ID

Meeting adjourned.