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MEETING SUMMARY
ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON GLOBAL WARMING
Agriculture, Forestry and Waste (AFW) Technical Work Group (TWG)
Call #12, July 15, 2008, 1:00 to 3:00pm CST

Attendees:

TWG Members: Annett Pagan, Miles Goggans, Kevin Smith, Aubra Anthony

Advisory Body Members: John Shannon (Forestry Commission), Jenny Allen (Office of Energy), Brian Leamans (ADEQ, Solid Waste Division)

Arkansas Governor's Office: Jillian Hicks

Center for Climate Strategies: Joe Pryor, Jackson Schreiber, Steve Roe, Brad Strode, Jen Jenkins

Members of the Public: Jeffery Hall (AR Farm Bureau), Dennis Larson

Background Documents: (all posted at www.arclimatechange.us/AFW.cfm)

- Summary of Call #10
- Summary of Call #11
- Meeting Notice and Agenda
- PowerPoint for Meeting
- AFW Straw Proposal Document

Discussion and Conclusions:

Introductions

No Comments

Public Comments from Meeting #11:

Jeffery Hall will forward comments to be included in the previous Call Summary. Refer to Call Summary #10 to see his comments.

Review and Approval of Prior Call Summary

The previous Call Summaries (#10 and #11) are approved, pending the addition of Jeffery Hall's Comments for Call Summary #11.

Discuss Development of Policy Options including quantification

AFW-1: Manure Management

- Annett Pagan noted some work has been done in Manure Management and she may be able to provide some information that could be helpful in quantifying this item. If this information is not adequate to make this item quantifiable, then the TWG felt comfortable with proceeding with this item as Not Quantified.

AFW-8: Advanced Recovery and Recycling

- CCS will present the analysis for AFW-8 to AR DEQ to see if they have any input based on the costs and benefits of programs that they are already running.

AFW-9: End-of-Use Waste Management Programs

- There will be a discussion in the key uncertainties on the impact of different interest rates on the estimates within AFW-9. 5% and 10% interest rates will be considered in the key uncertainties, in addition to the 8% interest rate considered in the main analysis.

AFW-7: Forest Management and Establishment for Carbon Sequestration

- There were no objections to the changes made to AFW-7.
- According to Forest Inventory and Analysis data collected by the AR Forestry Commissions, there are 18.52 million acres of forestland in Arkansas, which makes up 54% of the land area of the state. There are different numbers cited in AFW-7, and this is the number that should be used.
- Nancy Ledbetter at the Arkansas Fish and Game Commission will be contacted to see if the AR FGC has any comments on the quantification of AFW-7.
- The TWG decided that to make the goal for urban forestry more feasible, it will be scaled down to 100,000 trees annually. A new canopy percentage goal will be made for this option.
- The energy benefits of urban forestry will now use a sliding scale to account for the energy benefits from trees of varying maturity/size.
- The afforestation option will be modified to account for plantations where harvesting practices are different to other forest types.

AFW-6: Expanded Use of Locally Produced Farm and Forestry Products

- The TWG was satisfied with the way this policy has been restructured.

AFW-5: Expanded Use of Advanced Biofuels

- The definition of biofuels was taken from the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. There were no objections from the TWG on the use of this definition.

Agenda, Date and Time for Next Meetings

- The Next Meeting is planned for Tuesday, July 22nd, from 1 to 3 pm, CST.

Public Comments and Announcements

- Dennis Larson commented that the Ozark National Forestland is burning 100,000 acres of land annually. He requested information on how to quantify emissions from prescribed burning. CCS recommended reviewing the inventory to see the methodology used to quantify emissions in Arkansas.