



WESTAR QUARTERLY REPORT

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Regardless of funding source, all of the projects and activities conducted by WESTAR are consistent with and intended to achieve the purposes of the organization spelled out in Article 2 of WESTAR's Articles of Association, including promoting the exchange of information related to air quality management, developing procedures to meet air quality objectives and to protect environmental resources, to establish workgroups to investigate specific topics, and to develop recommendations for the consideration of the membership. This report summarizes activities and outcomes for this reporting period.

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1. EPA CORE GRANT 2024-2027

Note: Work on activities and spending against this grant began September 1, 2024.

a. Budget Summary and Status

The following tables summarize the status of WESTAR's Core Grant budget, comparing cumulative grant awards from the current grant's inception through the end of the most

recent quarter.

**EPA Core Grant 2024-2027
Expenses by Object Class through 6/30/25**

Object Class	Budget	This Quarter	Cumulative Expenses	Percentage
1. Personnel	503,172	129,250	420,842	84%
2. Fringe Benefits	116,832	29,688	96,633	83%
3. Travel	119,982	27,203	100,098	83%
4. Equipment	0	0	0	
5. Supplies	0	0	0	
6. Contractual	124,745	35,207	108,093	87%
7. Construction	0	0	0	
8. Other	233,993	88,736	208,367	89%
9. Indirect Expenses	246,759	72,560	196,050	79%
Totals	1,345,483	382,644	1,130,082	84%

a. Activity Summary: Operations Project

The purpose of the Operations project is to develop, implement, and support the policy and technical activities at WESTAR that benefit member states. Funding for this project comes entirely from member-state contributions. In addition, personnel from member states and federal land management agencies contribute their time and expertise to many of the tasks performed under this project.

1) Status of work plan activities – Operations Project

<i>Expected Result for Project Period</i>	<i>Results/Outcomes</i>	
	<i>2025 April- June</i>	<i>Project Period Total</i>
30 Air director conference calls, documented with minutes posted on WESTAR's website	2	8
6 Business meetings, documented with minutes and presentations posted on WESTAR's website	1	2
72 Committee and ad hoc workgroup conference calls	9	27
3 Trips by committee chairs to brief air directors on committee activities	2	4

<i>Expected Result for Project Period</i>	<i>Results/Outcomes</i>	
	<i>2025 April-June</i>	<i>Project Period Total</i>
1 Specialty conference on a high priority topic	0	0
2 Meetings held to address emerging topics	0	1
9 Trips by committee representatives to attend national meetings and report back to WESTAR membership	0	0

2) Other Activities this Quarter – Operations Project

* WESTAR staff, states, and Tribal air agencies continue to meet monthly as an ad hoc committee to exchange information about implementing EPA’s oil and gas rules for methane. The discussion centers around implementing section OOOOc and efforts to implement meaningful engagement requirements.

* WESTAR is participating with NESCAUM in the independent wood heater testing project. WESTAR continues to participate in the National Residential Heating Task Force, including in work groups formed to refine wood burning emission estimates and source classification codes, and giving input on how to revise the wood heating NSPS.

b. Activity Summary: Training Project

The purpose of the Training Project is to: (1) deliver high-quality training courses/workshops that meet the needs and expectations of state and local air agency staff within the fifteen-state WESTAR region; (2) develop needed, cost-effective, responsive, and western-states-focused training opportunities; and (3) act as the main point of contact for information and educational training opportunities related to air quality training.

1) Status of work plan activities – Training Project

<i>Expected Result for Project Period</i>	<i>Results/Outcomes</i>	
	<i>2025 April-June</i>	<i>Project Period Total</i>
75 Educational opportunities delivered:	11	24

- ISIP Development Training Series: April 3 - Online
- Leadership Training: April 8 - Spokane, WA
- Air Toxics: April 22-23 - Lacey, WA

<i>Expected Result for Project Period</i>	<i>Results/Outcomes</i>	
	<i>2025 April-June</i>	<i>Project Period Total</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intermediate Permitting: April 27-29 - Pearl City, HI • Continuous Monitoring Systems: May 6-8 - Bismarck, ND • Air Dispersion Modeling: May 12-13 - Pearl City, HI • TOXC 222: Incinerators: May 20 - Online • TOXC 224: Stationary Gas Turbines: May 21 - Online • TOXC 226: Industrial Boilers: May 22 - Online • PERM 242: Electrostatic Precipitators: May 23 - Online • Monitoring Compliance Testing: June 4-6 - SLC, UT 		
1650 Students <i>trained</i>	356	713
4025 Student training days	430	1215
1 Training course developed/updated	0	2

* Other Activities this Quarter – Training Project

- WESTAR continues to work with state, local, and Tribal air quality government agencies in the fifteen Western United States on the logistics of the training priorities that agencies identified as important training need(s) for FY2025.
- WESTAR continues its leadership role on the National Joint Training Committee (JTC) Steering Committee. The Steering Committee oversees the operations of four work groups by providing guidance, evaluating resource needs, identifying priorities, assigning projects, providing assessments, and fostering communication.
- WESTAR is a member of the workgroup tasked with improving course materials on EPA's SharePoint site
- WESTAR is working with other MJOs on improvement options for the New Solution Program
- WESTAR continued efforts to support member agencies by creating an ISIP training course
- WESTAR staff continues to work with the JTC to move classroom training courses to online training, when appropriate, to serve better the current needs of state, local, and tribal air quality professionals.

c. Activity Summary: Regional Technical Support Project

The purpose of the Regional Technical Support project is to provide technical support to member agencies related to the analysis of monitoring data, analysis, and preparation of emissions inventories, regional modeling analyses, and operation and maintenance of web databases – all

for member agencies to use in their air quality management and planning activities.

1) Status of work plan activities – Regional Technical Support Project

<i>Expected Result for Project Period</i>	<i>Results/Outcomes</i>	
	<i>2025 April- June</i>	<i>Project Period Total</i>
75 Work Group and Subcommittee Conference calls	3	8
30 Technical Steering Committee conference calls	1	4
2 Face-to-face WRAP Board meetings	0	0
30 Travel support provided to local agency and tribal WRAP Board members	2	3
1 Technical Steering Committee Face-to-face meetings	0	0
30 WRAP Board calls	1	4

2) Other Activities this Quarter – Regional Technical Support Project

- The WRAP Regional Technical Center provides access to all types of air quality data, made possible through the storage and dissemination capabilities built into the Air Data Management System (ADMS). Linked to the ADMS are the Technical Support System v2 and v3, which support Regional Haze analysis for the WESTAR/WRAP region. The ADMS also houses the Federal Land Manager’s Environmental Database (FED). Development to support the Intermountain West Data Warehouse (IWDW), a web application for accessing various modeling platforms, has stopped, and efforts to redesign an application for accessing modeling platform data are underway. The WESTAR/SCAQMD EE Demo App will also be moved from the R Shiny environment to the ADMS in 2025. The WESTAR/WRAP website was migrated to ADMS servers in the fall of 2024. Moving forward, the WRAP Regional Technical Center framework can support additional regional modeling tasks and deliverables from WESTAR contracts.
- Staff continued to work with state and federal agencies, including regional EPA offices, to discuss and collect input on regional technical analysis needs in the western U.S. This included meetings with workgroup co-chairs to discuss workgroup goals and meeting schedules for 2025. The Regional Haze Planning Workgroup and the Oil and Gas Workgroup are on hiatus, pending federal updates and rule revisions. The Fire and Smoke Workgroup, the Regional Technical Operations Workgroup, and the Tribal Data Workgroup hope to meet quarterly in 2025.
- The WRAP Technical Steering Committee and Co-Chairs of WRAP Work Groups met in May.

- The Fire and Smoke Work Group’s Exceptional Event Support Team helped organize a EE Demo App training offered nationally on April 2, 2025. The EE Demo App volunteer group met biweekly for 15 minutes to discuss any issues/questions, with follow-up meetings always an option if needed.
- The Tribal Data WG did not meet this quarter.
- The Fire and Smoke WG EE Support Team met in April and June.
- The Oil and Gas WG did not meet this quarter (on hiatus)
- The Regional Haze Planning WG did not meet this quarter (on hiatus)
- The Regional Technical Operations WG met in April.

In February 2022, the WRAP Board approved proposed amendments to the WRAP charter. The proposed amended Charter was sent to the membership for approval on January 20, 2023. On September 11, 2023, the necessary 2/3 vote of the membership was achieved, and the proposed amendments were accepted. The new charter is now in effect and posted to the WESTAR website as part of the WRAP organizational documents.

2. OTHER SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES

WESTAR co-chairs the Federal/State Technical Work Collaboration Group and organizes monthly and quarterly conference calls to share information about EPA and MJO technical work.

WESTAR coordinates a quarterly national call on Regional Haze planning.

WESTAR participates in a number of HAQAST projects.

WESTAR is working with its members to develop an application for exceptional events demonstrations.

A small group of WESTAR/WRAP members (MT, OR, USFWS) and WESTAR staff are developing a Desktop CAMx modeling approach that all WESTAR/WRAP members can use for multiple modeling projects.

WESTAR continues to assist in a lead role with the inventory collaborative group to develop the 2022 Emissions Modeling Platform.

WESTAR organized an Air Data Management System (ADMS) Steering Committee for agencies that are funding and/or supporting the ongoing development of the ADMS. This group meets quarterly. This first meeting was in May 2024. WESTAR/WRAP facilitated an ADMS workshop for members of the Steering Committee to learn more about the structure, data flows, websites, and products that make up the ADMS.

This quarter, WESTAR/WRAP kicked off an Emissions Inventory group to support and connect EI staff across the region. This group meets monthly to learn about and discuss

emission inventory data and related data processes. For the first few meetings, this group plans to learn about emissions calculations and estimations for the various sectors included in the National Emissions Inventory (NEI). This group met in May and June this quarter.

3. CONSOLIDATED EXPENSE SUMMARY

Cumulative Expenses by Object Class and Funding Source through 6/30/2025 All Active Accounts

	EPA	
Object Class	Core Grant 2024-27	Totals
1. Personnel	420,842	420,842
2. Fringe	96,633	96,633
3. Travel	100,098	100,098
4. Equipment	0	0
5. Supplies	0	0
6. Contractual	108,093	108,093
7. Construction	0	0
8. Other	208,367	208,367
9. Indirect	196,050	196,050
Cumulative Expenses	1,130,082	1,130,082
Budget	1,345,483	1,345,483
Balance Avail	215,401	215,401

Current Quarter Expenses by Object Class and Funding Source – All Active Accounts

	EPA	
Object Class	Core Grant 2024-27	Totals
1. Personnel	129,250	129,250
2. Fringe Benefits	29,688	29,688
3. Travel	27,203	27,203
4. Equipment	0	0
5. Supplies	0	0
6. Contractual	35,207	35,207
7. Construction	0	0

	EPA	
Object Class	Core Grant 2024-27	Totals
8. Other	88,736	88,736
9. Indirect	72,560	72,560
Total Expenses	382,644	382,644