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**Cross Cutting Issues TWG Call #3 Summary  
November 22, 2005 – 3:30-5:00 pm**

**Attendance:**

1. **TWG members:**  
Jeff Burks & Nancy Norem, PNM  
Josh Epel, Duke Energy Field Services  
Paula Garcia, NM Acequia Association  
Susan Garrett, Ecocentric  
Reid Smith, BP  
Israel Tavarez, City of Albuquerque  
Eva Thaddeus, Sierra Club
2. **NMED/EMNRD staff:**  
Jim Norton  
Sandra Ely  
Lany Weaver
3. **CCS staff:**  
Ken Colburn (TWG Facilitator)  
Tom Peterson (CCAG Facilitator)
4. **Other attendees:**

**Background documents:**

(unless noted, all posted at [www.nmclimatechange.us/documents.cfm](http://www.nmclimatechange.us/documents.cfm), click on Cross-Cutting Issues TWG).

1. Notice and Agenda for Call #3
2. PowerPoint presentation for Call #3
3. GHG Reporting Design Options Matrix

## Discussion items and key issues:

1. **Process:** Ken Colburn opened the teleconference, conducted the roll call, and briefly reviewed the agenda for the call. Sandra Ely reported that NMED believes the Environmental Improvement Board currently has adequate statutory authority to require GHG reporting through regulation and that new legislation is unlikely to be necessary. The TWG proceeded to review the GHG Reporting Design Options Matrix sections that it had completed in Call #2 (lines 1-7), making minor modifications. The TWG then revisited line 7 (*Scope of Emissions Covered*) and addressed the remaining Matrix sections, completing lines 8-11. There being no “Other” issues to be added, line 12 (a “placeholder” for other possible issues) was deleted.
2. **Purposes & Goals, Key Technical and Policy Issues:** In completing the GHG Reporting Design Options Matrix, the TWG felt strongly about several touchstone issues regarding how GHG reporting should be implemented in New Mexico. Among these touchstone issues are the following:
  - a. For entities not *required* to report GHG emissions at any given time (e.g., should they fall below regulatory cutpoints, be members of a sector not yet required to report, etc.), GHG reporting on a *voluntary* basis should be available to them to the greatest extent possible, assuming that such entities can use identical or equally stringent quantification protocols in their reporting. Accordingly, a GHG reporting scheme should have a “hybrid” character that accommodates both mandatory and voluntary reporting.
  - b. Implementation of GHG reporting should be guided by common sense, particularly in regard to maximizing benefits and minimizing costs. A key example is the prudent exemption of de minimis emissions, where otherwise, exhaustive and costly quantification would be necessary yet provide little improvement in terms of accuracy. Similarly, implementation should strive to coordinate with reporting efforts in other jurisdictions, including existing federal reporting requirements.
  - c. A primary purpose of GHG reporting is to enable and support the development of a credible, respected GHG registry. In order for a GHG registry to have internal integrity, the GHG reporting which feeds into the registry must provide consistent integrity in terms of quantification accuracy and stringency across all participating sectors, sources, and entities.
  - d. Mandatory GHG reporting should be phased in whenever stringent, acceptable quantification protocols are not yet available (either for sectors, sources, or scope of emissions – direct & indirect). In rare circumstances (e.g., natural gas fields), “home grown” protocols may need to be developed, but in general, GHG reporting requirements for entities should not precede the availability of recognized quantification protocols applicable to such entities.

**Next steps and agreements:**

1. CCS will incorporate the TWG's changes to the GHG Reporting Design Options Matrix into a revised version and distribute it for review and approval on the next TWG call. The TWG's initial recommendations for GHG reporting options can then be forwarded to the CCAG for its input and guidance.
2. CCS will develop a similar GHG Registry Design Options Matrix to facilitate the TWG's deliberation of key issues and options associated with GHG registries. The next TWG call will commence discussion of the GHG registry design options.
3. **Next TWG Call:** Friday, January 6, 2006 from 2:00–3:30 PM Mountain Time.  
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