

# MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Global Warming Task Force

FROM: Tia Nelson and Roy Thilly, Co-Chairs

DATE: June 22, 2007

SUBJECT: *June 29, 2007 Task Force Business Issues*

In addition to scheduled speakers, we will need to deal with the following business issues at our June 29 Task Force meeting.

**1. Work Group Benchmark Assignment.** Included with the agenda is redline and a clean version of the Overall Work Group Organization Proposal. The redline reflects what the Co-Chairs heard as a general agreement among Task Force members on an initial assignment for each Work Group to determine when a sector can reasonably stabilize GHG emissions at current (2006) levels, by taking feasible but aggressive actions with good short-term potential. This assignment was proposed in lieu of a 2010 or 2015 benchmark. We have received a comment that indicates at least one Task Force member heard a different resolution of this issue; that is, that the assignment would be to determine the year in which GHG emissions can be stabilized by the sector at then current levels, not at 2006 levels. We will need to discuss this issue so everyone is working with the same benchmark.

**2. Work Plans.** Also included with the agenda are the draft Work Plans for each Work Group and Subgroup in redline and clean form. The edits are intended to reflect the substance of all of the comments that we received. The changes will be open for discussion at the meeting. If we missed a comment, we apologize. Please get it to us again.

You will notice a substantial change in the Utility Sector. Instead of three subgroups, we have reduced the Utility Sector to two Subgroups; Conservation and Efficiency (Demand-Side) and Generation and Delivery (Supply-Side) and moved the issues of carbon tax/cap-and-trade and/or offset programs to a new, multi-sector Work Group, recognizing that these issues reach a variety of sectors.

For this reason, we need to have those of you who submitted volunteers for the Utility Fuel Switching Subgroup and/or the Utility Carbon Sequestration et al. Subgroup previously to re-indicate who you wish to serve on the Generation and Delivery (Supply-Side) Subgroup and/or on the new Carbon Tax/Cap-and-Trade Work Group. We are also asking Task Force members from other sectors to propose members of the Carbon Tax/Cap-and-Trade Work Group.

We plan on having a list of the members of each Work Group on June 29, so we would appreciate people responding as quickly as possible. Please send nominations to Melody Marshall at: [melody.marshall@wisconsin.gov](mailto:melody.marshall@wisconsin.gov)

3. **Organization of Work Groups.** The current plan is that the Task Force Co-Chairs will appoint co-chairs for each Work Group and Subgroup. For the Utility Sector, the four co-chairs will constitute the Electric Utility Work Group and others will serve on the Subgroups. The co-chairs will need to pull together a balanced group of people from each Subgroup to address the assignment described in Section 1 of this memo.

Rather than excluding volunteers from a Work Group, we plan on permitting each Task Force member, or one designee of each member, to serve on each Work Group (this includes up to one person per entity for each Electric Utility Subgroup), if the member wishes. A designee may be from the member's organization or a different organization. Finding balance, given the variety of viewpoints we have, will be quite difficult and it does not feel right to exclude individuals who are interested in working hard to achieve the objectives of a Work Group, which we assume each volunteer member is interested in doing. The task of Work Group co-chairs, with the assistance of WRI, will be to organize the Work Group's work, lead the discussion, seek to build as much consensus as possible on a variety of options, clearly define those options and identify where there are significant differences of opinion in reporting back to the Task Force. We do not envision the Work Groups voting on options, since we may not have balance. The Task Force itself will take the responsibility for making final recommendations, where there are differences.

We may not have sufficient volunteers or expertise from the Task Force for the Transportation and Industry Work Groups. Therefore, we have asked for suggestions of people from other organizations to serve. This does not appear to be necessary for the Ag/Forestry Sector and the Carbon Tax/Cap-and-Trade Work Groups, or for the Electric Utility Subgroups.

4. **Other Groups.** As previously discussed, as we move forward, we expect to pull together smaller multi-sector groups to discuss biofuel issues and issues related to influencing individual behavior and encouraging people and companies to take responsibility for addressing the global warming issue.

5. **Plan for July 11.** At our July 11 meeting, we will ask WRI to lead a discussion of how it will support each of the Work Groups, and discuss the Work Plans in light of WRI's Illinois experience and explain preliminary screening that it will do in more detail. The objective will be to clarify Work Group assignments and get each Group off to a good and consistent start.

We also would like to use July 11 for the first meeting of the Technical Advisory Group, since WRI will be in town for the Task Force meeting. Therefore, we request that those of you who have individuals on the Technical Advisory Group ask them to attend this meeting and stay on for a meeting with WRI to begin the work of understanding how the Wisconsin inventory is being done and to discuss in more detail the technical support WRI will provide the Work Groups, Wisconsin-specific matters and modeling issues.