

MEMORANDUM

TO: Global Warming Task Force Members

FROM: Tia Nelson and Roy Thilly

DATE: May 14, 2008

SUBJECT: *Importance of May 29, June 10, and June 26 Meetings*

This memo is written to inform Task Force members of the importance of our next three meetings and to urge them to attend. These meetings are scheduled for May 29, June 10 and June 26. While substitutes who have been attending Task Force meetings as alternates to date may attend, if necessary, we request that Task Force members themselves be at the table if at all possible.

Our May 29th meeting will be devoted to two key matters. First, we will review modeling results, hopefully, on a final, or very close to final, basis. Modeling has been much more difficult and time-consuming than anticipated. The TAG has worked tirelessly on this effort. The objective is to have the modeling results ready for presentation to the full Task Force on May 29. It is possible that one or more sensitivity cases will not be ready until June 10, but we are doing our best to avoid that situation. In any event, the base case and a number of key runs should be completed by May 29, which will be important for our deliberations.

Second, we will have a roundtable discussion during which we will ask each member of the Task Force to identify his/her key issues, concerns and objectives for the Final Report. This process will be to help clarify for other members of the Task Force, and the Co-Chairs, where members are on the important issues that are before us. It also will be of great help to the Co-Chairs in preparing their strawman proposal discussed below. The roundtable will include clarifying questions on positions, so that we can each understand where others sit.

Also on May 29, we will wrap up any loose ends that remain with respect to proposed policies.

At our June 10th meeting, we will review any remaining modeling runs and deal with any questions and issues that were raised in connection with the modeling runs presented on May 29. Next, we will have a presentation from the WRI and the TAG on what different target options mean in terms of tons of CO₂ reduction equivalents, based upon the 2005 base year recommended by the TAG. After that discussion, the Co-Chairs will present their strawman proposal, designed to resolve the issues before the Task Force with respect to policy recommendations that have not been presented on a consensus basis and related matters that they believe should be addressed in the Final Report. The proposal will be presented for discussion purposes only. It will be provided at the meeting, together with a full explanation of the reasons for the choices made, and questions answered. The proposal will be in the form of a proposed

resolution of issues, rather than a draft Final Report. We will take feedback at the meeting and ask members of the Task Force to comment promptly in writing on the proposal after the meeting, so that revisions can be prepared for presentation to the Task Force on June 26. There will have to be a relatively short turnaround for written comments, given our time schedule.

Please note that we are assuming the many policy recommendations from the work groups that have not been identified for further discussion to date by the Task Force are not controversial and will be included in the Final Report. If there are any issues with those policies, we need to know so immediately. A list of the policies not scheduled for discussion was distributed to the Task Force last month. If you need another copy, please contact Nick Sayen at the DNR.

It is unclear at this time whether the strawman presented on June 10 will deal with the policies only or also include proposed targets. If targets are not proposed on June 10, they will be proposed on June 26.

At the June 26 meeting, the Co-Chairs will present and discuss their revised proposal, including targets, for the Final Report. Assuming we are ready, we will ask for a vote of the Task Force on the proposal, as it may be modified during the discussion.

In evaluating the Co-Chair proposal, we ask that all members of the Task Force review the directives that we operate under pursuant to Executive Order 191. The proposal will be structured to meet those obligations. In other words, the science will not be debated. Our job is to identify targets that are consistent with the terms of the Order and policies that will enable Wisconsin to reach those targets, taking account of cost impacts, as well as benefits, and to develop policies that will help Wisconsin take advantage of the job and business opportunities presented by the necessity of dealing with climate change.

Finally, we also request that in commenting on the strawman proposal members propose solutions to their concerns, recognizing the viewpoints of others on the Task Force, to advance our ability to reach a broad consensus.

Thanks again for everyone's help and patience.