

‘Other Models’ Subcommittee of the
Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee
Telephone Conference – March 11, 2008

Draft Summary

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- The group was reminded that they were providing suggestions, options, or alternatives for full Advisory Committee (FAC) consideration; any document provided to the FAC would become part of the FACA Federal Record.
- The group agreed that anything they produced should be marked draft and date stamped.
- There was a discussion of what each subcommittee member understood as the group’s purpose; somewhat differing perceptions arose, including:
 - ✓ Review/compile/evaluate how other programs address different degrees of certainty about data
 - Reliability
 - Availability
 - Applicability
 - ✓ Larger issues of uncertainty addressing global issues
 - ✓ Societal issues (e.g., degrees of acceptance of wind energy)
 - ✓ Look at other models (regulatory/nonregulatory) that suggest guidance on siting, construction, operations (e.g., Clean Air Act New Source Review)
 - ✓ Look for bright ideas, outside the box
 - ✓ Be clear as a FAC about the costs and benefits of wind energy (Chicago School framework), and use the precautionary principle to evaluate
- It was suggested that this may need to be two separate subcommittees –
 - (1) scientific uncertainty
 - (2) policy uncertainty
- Additional discussion included other possible models included:
 - ✓ Preface of the Canadian and California guidelines
 - ✓ IPCC
 - ✓ EPA
 - ✓ CWA
 - ✓ RCRA
 - ✓ Cooperative federalism
- It was noted that there are some models of cooperative federalism that work very well; but in other cases, the process bogged down. Fish and Wildlife Service need a

set of recommendations that help them develop guidelines that are easy to use, welcomed by the user.

- Idea: future joint teleconference with the Landscape Subcommittee to help inform the work of this subcommittee.

- Next steps were identified
 - ✓ Patrick will draft a purpose statement for the Subcommittee by COB, Friday, 3/14
 - ✓ Other members will comment by COB, Wednesday, 3/19
 - ✓ The next teleconference is scheduled for **Thursday, March 20, 11:00 – 11:45 am**
 - Call-In Number: 703-358-2020
 - Conference ID: 2491
 - ✓ Invite Robin Gregory to a future teleconference of this Subcommittee
 - ✓ Item to address with Dave, Abby, et al. - Do we have the right subcommittees?
Do we have the right people on the subcommittees?