

Why Measure?

Region 8 Pollution Prevention Roundtable
Panel on Program and Project Measurement
Friday, September 10th - 8:45-10:45 am MT

Purpose/Goal: 1) Present progress both by EPA and other groups in response to EPA's measurement initiative over the past year. 2) Learn more about the key issues still awaiting resolution. 3) Provide an open forum on program and project measurement as it affects state pollution prevention activities.

Panel Members:

John Brink (EPA Region 8) – moderator
Tom Tillman (EPA HQ)
Terri Goldberg (NEWMOA)
Jill Cooper (Colorado DPHE)
Jean Waters (P2Rx)

- I. Introduction of panel & topic. (<5 minutes)
- II. Why EPA wants to measure - Overview of EPA objectives and guidelines to date (15 minutes) - Tom
 - A. GPRA & Strategic Plans - linkages of budget to performance
 - B. Have you been PARTed lately?
 - C. National Program Managers' Annual Commitments process
 - D. Briefly: Refresher on units of measurement (Pounds, Gallons, BTUs, Dollars), Emphasis on outcomes *vs.* outputs
- III. Why the TA community wants (to) measure - Overview of TA community objectives and initiatives to date (35 minutes)
 - A. Environmental Council of States - Jill
 - B. NPPR/P2Rx P2 Results Task Force, NEWMOA tool - Terri
 - C. Aggregation: addressing regional & client needs - Jean
- IV. Panel Question and Answer / Audience Questions (1+ hour) – John moderates
 1. How do the wants and needs of local programs harmonize with EPA Headquarters' expectations?

2. What are the implications for time spent on measurement vs. time spent on other program activities? How can this be more productive?
3. What steps can programs take now while measurement requirements are being figured out?
4. How can Region 8 best address the needs of the region and meet national goals (compete)?
5. Question to the audience: How does your program collect and report metrics?
6. Questions from the audience

Resources Recommended by Panel Members:

Additional Resources for Terri Goldberg's Presentation –
Proposed National P2 Results System

<http://peakstoprairies.org/network/roundtable/2004/results.pdf>

Proposed Timeline for Implementing National P2 Results System

<http://peakstoprairies.org/network/roundtable/2004/timeline.pdf>

Draft Memorandum of Agreement

<http://peakstoprairies.org/network/roundtable/2004/DRAFTMOA.pdf>

Task Force Minutes - August 04

<http://peakstoprairies.org/network/roundtable/2004/TFMinutes.pdf>

EPA P2 Measurement - <http://www.epa.gov/p2/resources/p2meas.htm>

EPA P2 Other Measurement Strategies – includes links to information about NEWMOA's metrics, the Region 8 tracking systems, the Region 10 results project, and OECA's Guide for Measuring Compliance Assistance Outcomes.

http://www.epa.gov/p2/resources/p2meas_oms.htm

GPRA Reporting - <http://cfpub.epa.gov/compliance/planning/results/gpra/>

Environmental Results Management Systems: Moving from Planning to Action by Measuring What Counts (Green Mountain Institute for Environmental Democracy) -

<http://www.gmied.org/files/erms.pdf>

Feb 02 Northwest Regional Roundtable Minutes - "Measuring Environmental Success: The Methods, The Message"

<http://www.pprc.org/networking/rrt/feb02min.html>

P2Rx Environmental Measurement Topic Hub --

Created and maintained by NW Pollution Prevention Resource Center, Region 10

A primer on measurement including a background and overview, reasons to measure environmental performance, how to develop a measurement system, opportunities to measure, Where To Go for Help, data collection & tracking and a compilation of pertinent on-line resources.

<http://www.pprc.org/hubs/toc.cfm?hub=1000&subsec=7&nav=7>

Northwest P2 Results Measurement Project

<http://pprc.org/measure/index.cfm>

(See also their Feb 04 Newsletter on measurement -

<http://www.pprc.org/pubs/newsletter/news0104.html>)

Calculators and Data Sources

Toxics Release Inventory Program - <http://www.epa.gov/tri/>

Human Exposure Database System - <http://www.epa.gov/heds/>

Recycling Measurement -

<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/recycle/recmeas/index.htm>

Compliance and Enforcement Measures of Success Reporting -

<http://cfpub.epa.gov/compliance/planning/results/mos/>

Climate RESOLVE Program - Site provides calculators for greenhouse gas emissions based on various energy uses.

<http://www.greenbiz.com/frame/1.cfm?targetsite=http://www.businessroundtable.org/TaskForces/TaskForce/crdocument.aspx?qs=68D5BF159FF49514481138A77BE7A7A19BB6487B96A3AB4>

City of Denver Waste Type Conversion Program Spreadsheet -

<http://peakstoprairies.org/network/roundtable/2004/ConversionTable.xls>