

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Wind Turbine Guidelines Advisory Committee
Other Models Subcommittee

Conference Call, September 11, 2008
Meeting Summary

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- **Purpose:** To review the latest draft of the Other Models Template Matrix with Patrick Traylor and get an idea of the laws that can inform the subcommittee's recommendations to the FAC. The Subcommittee will develop the actual language for their recommendation to the FAC later.
- The Subcommittee reviewed elements of the Clean Air Act New Source Review, and how these might apply to wind. The EPA maintains a nationwide database that helps developers choose best management practices to use at their facilities. This information does not take away a firm's competitive advantage because information on how technology *works* is not included.
- Under the Clean Air Act's New Source Review, new facilities can apply best management practices (BMP) and technology, *or* they can do better. Likewise, the FACA Guidelines could say nothing about outcome (which technology should be used), and could focus instead on process (*how to decide* what to use).
- There is debate over federal versus state authority with regard to how wind/wildlife guidelines will be applied. The Clean Air Act utilizes "cooperative federalism" – the US EPA sets standards and then the states implement these.
- The Clean Air Act's categorical standards might translate in the wind industry to an across-the-board baseline requirement such a site assessment or a mandatory check of the local endangered species list, but NOT the establishment of a quantifiable baseline for acceptable damage to wildlife.
- The Subcommittee agreed Mark would draft sample ABPP language when he presents an ABPP outline to the FACA, if possible.
- **Next Steps:**
 - Patrick will turn the third column of the Other Models Matrix into language that can be used for a recommendation. **Elana is attaching Patrick's revised document to this email - please review.** Thank you very much Patrick for such a quick turnover!
 - Mark, Caroline, and Scott will get together by next week to resolve issues about the ABPP. Elana is arranging this call. Mark will edit ABPP with more detail, send it to the Subcommittee for submission to the FAC in October.
 - Look for a meeting scheduler from Ekimbrell regarding a joint call on September 24th or 25th between the Other Models Subcommittee and the Existing Guidelines Subcommittee, in order to get more feedback and comments on the attached recommendations.