

VISTAS Data Workgroup

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- Workgroup Objectives
 - Collect existing data relating to PM_{2.5} and visibility
 - Analyze existing data
 - Identify data gaps
 - Develop a plan to address data gaps
 - Compile and archive data for use by other workgroups
 - Collect PM_{2.5} in Class I areas for regional haze determinations

2001 Timeline

- Draft and finalize scope of work to hire contractor for data collection and analysis
- Obtain STAD approval
- Solicit bids and select contractor
- Hire contractor to:
 - Collect existing data from governmental, university, and private sector efforts
 - Begin assessment of collected monitoring and meteorological data
 - Begin identifying temporal and spatial data gaps

2002 Timeline

- Develop and begin implementation of plan to address identified data gaps
- Coordinate with and submit collected data to other workgroups
- Continue data assessment
- Begin work to identify natural conditions in each Class I area using existing data

2003-2004 Timeline

- Continue to implement plan to address data gaps
- Continuation/refinement of data assessment by contractor
- Coordinate with and submit collected data to other workgroups
- Ongoing review of new data
- Finalize work to identify natural conditions in each Class I area using existing data

2005 Timeline

- Determine baseline visibility conditions for each Class I area based on 2000-2004 data
- Work with Planning Workgroup to establish reasonable progress goals for each Class I area
- Work with Planning Workgroup to develop monitoring strategy

Data Workgroup Members

- Currently includes:
 - 1-2 representatives from 8 of the 10 VISTAS states
 - 2 EPA representatives
 - 4 Federal Land Manager representatives

Preliminary Workgroup Meeting

- Meeting in Asheville for introductions and general background information on regional haze program and VISTAS
- Initial discussion on draft scope of work
- Issues discussed included:
 - Data sources and types
 - Data quality determinations
 - Consideration of PM_{2.5} measurements compared to visibility measurements

Next Steps

- Add new stakeholders to the workgroup
- Continue to revise/finalize draft scope of work with new members (June)
- Submit to Technical Analysis Workgroup and STAD for approval (July)
- Release RFP/Meet with contractors (Aug)
- Sign contract/begin work (September)

New Workgroup Members

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