

**MINUTES**  
**ECOLOGICAL RESPONSES AND OUTREACH SUBCOMMITTEE**  
**FALL MEETING OF THE NADP Monday September 10, 2007**

September 10:

**EROS Outreach**

A. New officers-

- a. Chair elect, Andy Johnson (Maine Department of Environmental Protection); Secretary/vice-chair elect, Suzanne Fisher (Tennessee Valley Authority)

B. NRSP-3 scientists – Andy Johnson

- a. **Action:** Letter to NRSP-3 scientists (draft) will be given to Ray Knight and will be available for spring meeting and for fall '08 meeting. Suggest letter be sent by Administrative Advisors on behalf of NADP. Monitor success of invitees for next 3 years.

C. Local operators and sponsors – Tom Butler

Local site sponsors and operators were sent letters inviting them to attend the annual meeting. Funding for travel seemed to be the biggest problem. Tom and the Program Office were able to offer a registration fee waiver, but no other support. Not sure of the outcome of the letter, but it seems that we did not get much response. This led to the question of longevity awards for operators. Do site operators even know if they were given an award? Do we want to recommend that the program office fund award winners or waive registration fees? With only a small amount of funding available the selection would need to be small.

- a. **Action:** 3-year window of evaluation. EROS chair to work with NADP vice chair in advance to send out letters of invitation to site operator. The agency that sponsors the site should be aware that the operators have been invited. Develop mailing list with NADP vice chair and Kathy Douglas of agency sponsors and site operators.

**Brochures, handouts and projects**

D. NH3 passive monitoring – Gary Lear

Note from Pam: In conversation Gary Lear stated that beginning the passive network had been delayed due to Budget & Finance and Contracting difficulties, but is was most likely due to begin in Oct.

E. NADP Program Guidelines Handbook – Pam/Maggie

The last version of a Guideline Handbook was approved in 1999 by the Technical Committee (known as Bylaws). In response to the Fall 2006 Technical meeting's decision to remove the Technical Committee voting rights, discussion followed on the existence of a Technical Committee and Joint Committee voting rights. The subcommittees inform Executive Committee on new decisions and recommendations.

- a. **Action:** Clarify the role of the NRSP-3 in the Governance Handbook. Include joint subcommittee voting standards in the "Standing Technical Subcommittees" section.

F. Hg 1-pagers - Pam/Bob Brunette

The draft educational one page fact sheet was presented to the subcommittee. There was some discussion on adding information about passive samplers, dry deposition, natural sources of mercury, and status and trends; possibly creating one educational fact sheet and one technical fact sheet.

- a. **Action:** Reformulate strategy and approach for educational the paper. Bob Burnette, Pam Padget, and David Gay to come up with next draft shortly before Christmas.

G. NH3 1-pagers -Gary Lear

**Discussion and New Business**

- H. Joint with Clad: Heinz Center – Ecological Indicators Presentation and Discussion –Christine Negra
- I. Website update
- J. New business