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Subject: Follow up from yesterday's call

I would like to thank everyone again for all of the feedback you provided. I will be compiling the notes for your review to make sure I am capturing all of the groups thoughts on the evaluation process. Also a HUGE thank you for hanging in there with all of the technical difficulties with the phone line.

Coming out of yesterday's calls I heard that several states had interest in seeing how the new background conditions would impact the 2015 milestones. As a result the modeling team will be running all 2015 milestone input decks through the model using the 2012 Ag census data and updated urban projections for informational purposes. Once run, this information will be posted for your jurisdiction on your individual password protected site. Our hope is to share this with you prior to the face to face meeting. Jeff Sweeney will send an e-mail when posted.

Please remember that EPA has stated that the 2015 milestones will be compared to the trajectory to determine if jurisdictions are "on track" to meeting 2017 targets. EPA does not intend to have multiple versions of progress/milestones. Based on the August WQGIT call, EPA will use the current partnership approved background conditions to evaluate progress. By using the trajectory, we do not need to worry about constantly changing milestone targets based on any partnership approved changes to background conditions. EPA has stated that we look first to see if jurisdictions are meeting the trajectory overall. If a jurisdiction is off track, then EPA will look at the appropriate source sector(s) that are not on track.

If it is a priority for milestone to be evaluated using the exact conditions on which they were developed, then please consider this before deciding whether to approve updates to the model at the October face to face meeting.

If you would like to discuss this further, prior to the face to face meeting, please feel free to call with questions.

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