

Environmental Tracking Network of North America
Governmental Advisory Committee
Conference Call Meeting Notes
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In attendance:

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The purpose of the call was to set an agenda of ETNNA work for the coming year on behalf of the Governmental Advisory Committee. This work could include convening conference calls or meetings of the Committee to discuss common issues and/or the development of issue paper(s) that set out questions of interest and explore possible solutions. Questions to consider included:

- How can tracking systems better serve your state/provincial RPS needs?
- How can tracking systems be adopted to Federal RPS needs while still meeting individual state/provincial needs?
- What other services or functionalities might be incorporated into tracking systems to expand their value to state/provincial and Federal entities?
- How can ETNNA facilitate the achievement of any of the priority items identified above?

Topics were suggested by ETNNA and supplemented by members on the call. Governmental Advisory Committee members were asked to vote for their top 3 choices and provide any comments on the topics below. Based on their answers, a weighted total was created (3 points for 1st choice, 2 points for 2nd choice, 1 point for 3rd choice).

1. Conversion between RECs and Carbon Markets (14 points): How should the existing tracking systems handle and/or flag renewable energy projects that are selling offsets (not RECs)? Outside of the existing electricity tracking systems, currently no U.S. emissions registries are accepting renewable projects, although there could be offsets and RECs created from a methane capture and destruction project that also generates electricity. Coordination

between the emission registries and electricity tracking systems was identified as a priority to prevent double counting.

2. **Cooperatives and Municipalities** (11 points): Identify barriers and suggest strategies to encourage cooperatives and municipalities to participate in tracking systems.
3. **Identification of Tracking System Changes that might be required if a Federal RPS passes Congress** (8 points): This topic is not prejudging the desirability of a Federal RPS but rather to try to anticipate what would be needed to adapt the present tracking systems for Federal use if such a policy were put into place rather than have the Federal government superimpose a whole new system on state programs that would waste resources and possibly confuse users.
4. **Behind-the-Meter Best Practices** (4 points): Update ETNNA's Behind the Meter paper with additional refinements on how to include solar RECs.
5. **Energy Savings Certificates** (2 points): Create a briefing document on the status of energy savings certificates (ESCs) in tracking systems.
6. **Generators that are registered with more than one tracking system** (1 point): Create a generator registry to provide additional transparency. This topic is related to number 3, above.

It was noted that holding conference calls is less expensive than creating white papers on these topics. Jan Hamrin will also bring these topics up at the National RPS Summit in November.