

PAMS Reconfiguration Workgroup  
June 20, 2001 Meeting Notes

Meeting Attendees:

Susan Wierman, MARAMA  
Gary Kleiman, NESCAUM  
Donna Kenski, LADCO  
Norm Beloin, Region I  
Ken Mitchell and Tom Lyttle, Region IV  
Mark Sather, Region VI  
Manny Aquitania, Region IX  
Rich Scheffe, Sharon Nizich, Lee Byrd, Mark Schmidt,  
Nash Gerald, John Silvasi, OAQPS

We had our first PAMS workgroup meeting today. We discussed objectives, issues, schedules and work products.

Objectives:

Create a core PAMS program which reduces the burden, and allows flexibility for the states, so work can be redirected to other emerging monitoring needs.

Write a rule that allows states the flexibility to tailor their individual programs.

Issues:

A lot of discussion focused on creating a program that would reduce burden and costs, but still produce enough data for analysis. We also spent some time discussing Rich's draft two-pager, "Considerations for a minimus PAMS core network."

It was agreed that we need speciated data as opposed to total hydrocarbons for modeling and analysis, but results from the NESCAUM survey shows some duplication of speciated data throughout the northern states' PAMS sitings. Reducing the number of duplicitous sites could be accomplished. The question is how much is duplicitous and how much data do the modelers and analysts need for their work? Gary mentioned the Sonoma Technology (STI) report identified 8 to 10 sites that may be candidates for reduction, but this was not the most important recommendation from the study. The most important recommendation was that regional coordination is needed on data validation, statistical summaries, and interpretation of data.. Susan discussed her agreement with specifying a core PAMS requirement, but wanted to continue the program. Ken questioned the utility of capturing all VOC's, since some are not toxic, and thus not helpful to establishing risk-based programs.

We also discussed the network assessments occurring this month. PAMS is not a part of those assessments, so we will need to rely on the NESCAUM report, Regional staff's recommendations,

and state contacts' input.

#### Schedule

We don't have a lot of time to debate the issues, since Lee needs a "white paper" for use at the September 25-27 monitoring workshop. Everyone agreed to review the NESCAUM report and then spend the next two weeks writing their thoughts specifically on what they think the PAMS program should look like. All workgroup members will get their ideas to me by July 9<sup>th</sup> so I can compile and disseminate before our next meeting.

#### Work Products

We will have a draft white paper created that will list the workgroup's recommendations, and disseminate the paper to the PAMS community sometime before the September 25<sup>th</sup> workshop. (Please note we have just learned the workshop may be moved to mid-October, due to several Jewish holidays in September. Will inform everyone when the date is more concrete.)

#### Reference Materials:

The link for the June 2001 final STI report can be found at:

<http://www.nescaum.org/committees/pams.html>

#### Next Conference Call

Next workgroup meeting is July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-3:30 eastern. I will send the meeting through scheduler.

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