Budget and Planning Update

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Current Priorities

- Track FY 2009 Budget Request
- Allocate FY 2009 Grant Dollars
- Develop FY 2010 Budget
- Prepare FY 2014 Strategic Plan
- Develop CAAAC Vision and Goals
- Develop Future Grant Allocation

Track FY 2009 Budget Request

- President sent request to Congress in February
- House and Senate held hearings
- EPA responded to questions for the record, and briefed Congressional staff
- House Subcommittee reported recommendations for a bill on June 11, 2008
- Bill stalled because of differences over offshore drilling and other issues.

Track FY 2009 Budget Request

- President signed a Continuing Resolution on September 30
- The CR provides funding at about the FY 2008 level until March 6, 2009 – 43 percent of the fiscal year
- In March, Congress may continue the CR, pass an omnibus bill, or pass individual appropriations bills
- The state of the economy will be a major factor in Congressional decision-making

Allocate FY 2009 Grant Dollars

- EPA draft FY 2009 guidance included allocation at President's request level
 - Decreases dollars from FY 2008 enacted level
 - Eliminates section 103 authority for fine particle monitoring
- OAR will work with EPA regions and NACAA on region-by-region allocation

Develop FY 2010 Budget

- New President will submit FY 2010 budget request to Congress, probably in April 2009
- OMB April 8, 2008 guidance provided for "current services" budget in September
- OMB will issue additional policy guidance on budget development after transition to new administration has begun
- Meanwhile, OAR is briefing OMB budget examiners on key program issues

Prepare FY 2014 Strategic Plan

- **EPA** is revising strategic plan in two phases
- First phase focuses on a small number of targeted areas; change document available for public review on September 30, 2008
- Public comment period ends November 30
- Second phase will reflect the strategic choices and directions of the new EPA leadership; draft strategic plan will be available for public review in April 2009
- EPA will send final strategic plan to the Congress September 2009

Develop Vision and Goals

- CAAAC workgroup is drafting vision and goals for the national clean air program
- Vision includes a primary goal, six guiding principles, key challenges, and recommendations
- Primary goal: Achieve and maintain air quality that protects the public health, welfare, and environment, including from the effects of climate change

Develop Vision and Goals

Six CAAAC Guiding Principles:

- Manage for results and accountability
- Use appropriate tools, including innovative approaches
- Conduct sound research and use information effectively
- Enable implementation by government partners
- Build a better and broader partnership
- Expand public outreach and education

Develop Future Grant Allocation

- OMB directed that EPA review and update air grant allocation
- EPA and NACAA formed joint work group, and identified guiding principles
- EPA-only subgroup has completed work on approach for allocation; PDAA has concurred in approach
- OAR has briefed regional air directors on approach

Proposed Methodology

	Category	Category Weight	Factors	Factor Weight
	SIP Planning and Implement ation	38	Population-weighted design value in N/A areas measuring unhealthy air plus the Number of non-attainment areas	70
			Population-weighted design-value in areas within 90% of the NAAQS	10
			Number of states	20
	Monitoring	33	Adequate monitoring network	100
	Air Toxics	15	Cancer risk	45
			Non-cancer risk	30
			Diesel emissions	25
	Compliance	14	Number of regulated minor sources	50
			Number of MACT area sources	30
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Next Steps

- Brief NACAA membership on allocation approach
- Initiate NACAA-EPA implementation work group
- Recommend options to PDAA; obtain PDAA sign-off
- Include results in EPA FY 2010 grants guidance

Questions?