

WREZ Public Comment Period
February 2 – March 2, 2009
Internal Procedures

WGA Management of Received Public Comments

WGA staff will initially collect, track and synthesize the public comments.

State-specific comments, or those from a state-specific stakeholder, will be forwarded as soon as they are received to the Technical Committee member representing that state.

WGA staff will be responsible for synthesizing the comments by subject matter and, as appropriate, preparing a recommendation for addressing the comment.

Within 10 days after the end of the public comment period, the synthesis/recommendations will be forwarded to the Technical Committee or one of the work groups for consideration as appropriate.

Role of the Technical Committee and Work Groups in Public Comment Review

The Technical Committee and/or Work Groups are ultimately responsible for making a determination on disposition of the public comments.

If the Chairs of the Technical Committee or the Work Groups accept the recommendation developed by WGA, that decision will be relayed to the entire Technical Committee or respective work group for their information.

The Chairs may also decide to communicate via e-mail or conference call with their membership to consider the public comments and the WGA recommendations.

Wrapping Up the Public Comment Period

WGA staff will create a log that sets forth how public comments were addressed and rationale for why public comments were not addressed.

Once the Technical Committee or the work groups have completed the public comment review, WGA will make the public comments and the response log public on the WREZ Web site.

WGA aims to have the public comments considered and integrated into the recommendations from the Technical Committee that will go to the Steering Committee within one month following the conclusion of the public comment period.