

Implementing the Transportation Fuels for the Future Resolution

Goals of the Resolution

- Develop recommendations for Governors' actions to expedite development of alternative/replacement transportation fuels to ensure a long-term, uninterrupted flow of transportation fuels.
- Develop recommendation(s) for a Regional Demonstration Project including ideas for funding.
- Develop a proposal for staged implementation of infrastructure necessary for a range of alternative fuels in the West.

Assumptions

- The market will determine which candidate fuels will succeed and the timeframe.
- The Governors can help provide the environment for the candidate fuels to evolve.

Approach

- Establish an Advisory Committee of experts to help the Steering Committee oversee and coordinate the Project. The Steering Committee is comprised of representatives of the lead Governors: WA, MT, CA, SD, OK UT, and WY.
- Alternative Fuels Teams will describe for each fuel – ethanol, biodiesel, coal-to-liquid, natural and liquefied gas, hydrogen and fuel cells, and electric plug-ins, (Product 1: Fuel Reports):
 1. The current state of development (technology, market, policy) and challenges.
 2. What is still needed technically and financially to achieve commercialization.
 3. Pros and cons of each alternative fuel, including environmental impacts.
 4. Ideas for actions to expedite development of alternative/replacement transportation fuels. This will include recommendations for implementing necessary infrastructure.
- Invite a broad range of expertise and interests to a Workshop to refine and/or expand the ideas for Governors' actions and develop final recommendations for the Steering Committee.

Steps

- Form Advisory Committee Feb/Mar
- Form Alternative Fuels Technical Teams. Feb/Mar
- Alternative Fuels Technical Teams have initial teleconference: Mar/Apr
 - Right people on Team?
 - Scope of task?
 - Issues needing direction?
- Advisory and Steering Committees meet with representatives of the Alternative Fuels Teams to discuss scope, approach and initial ideas of Technical Teams. Apr 10
- Alternative Fuels Teams meet and develop and/or refine Fuel Reports covering points 1-4 above. Post Reports on WGA web site and solicit feedback. Apr - Jun
- Identify candidates to invite to a Workshop where the Fuel Reports will be expanded and recommendations for the Governors prepared. Jun
- Conduct the Workshop. Sep
- Present the results to the Steering and Advisory Committees for review and modification, if necessary. Oct
- Finalize report for the Governors. Oct
- Present to Governors. Nov