

MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee
1-Page Summary of Policy-Relevant Issues November 13, 2007

Key policy-relevant issues discussed at the November meeting are summarized below.

PM_{2.5} SIP Schedule

- The current plan is for MWAQC to approve a draft SIP for public comment in December. The SIP is being reviewed by the TAC. Technical corrections are due by November 28. Commitment letters are needed by December 12.

PM_{2.5} Emission Inventory

- Draft emission inventories are complete for 2002 and 2009 for all on-road, non-road, point, and area sources. Results are now included in the draft PM SIP. Required 2002 base year documentation will be prepared for inclusion in the SIP.

PM_{2.5} Attainment Modeling

- Virginia DEQ staff attended an EPA meeting on local area hotspot analysis. At this time, there are no plans to include any detailed local area analysis in the SIP.

PM_{2.5} Control Measures

- Control measures included in the draft PM_{2.5} SIP include all of the OTB measures affecting PM_{2.5} direct and the precursors NO_x and SO₂. The most significant programs are the Tier 2 Motor Vehicle Standards, the Heavy Duty Diesel Rule (including low-sulfur diesel), CAIR and the Healthy Air Act, and the Nonroad Diesel Engines Rule.
- The voluntary measures from the 8-hour ozone SIP will be incorporated into the PM SIP as supplemental measures.
- Contingency measures included in the SIP include Tier 2 motor vehicle standards, CAIR, and the Healthy Air Act.
- No additional RACM or RACT were identified.

COG Climate Change Initiative

- The Climate Change Steering Committee (CCSC) will first consider possible regional reduction targets in November.
- A draft greenhouse gas emission inventory was prepared by the Greenhouse Gas Emission Workgroup. The two largest sources of emissions are transportation and electricity.
- The IRE completed a survey of programs being implemented in the metropolitan Washington region that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Stakeholder Nominations

- Applications for stakeholder positions for 2008 will be distributed in December.

State and Local Air Agency Update

- Maryland, Virginia, and the District are working on regional haze SIPs. Various state climate initiatives are underway. The District is forming a sustainable energy utility.

Upcoming Events

- AQPAC. November 19.
- Joint meeting of Energy Advisory Committee and Greenhouse Gas Emission Workgroup. Nov 15.
- OTC Meeting. November 14-15
- Climate Change Steering Committee. November 28.