

# Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee

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## TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Date: February 21, 2008**

**Time: 10 am to 12 pm**

**Rooms 4/5, 1st Floor**

Lunch will be provided to members at noon.

### DRAFT Agenda

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- 10:00 1. Call to Order, Introduction to New Stakeholders, and Review of Meeting Summary (January 8, 2007)**  
*Chairman Diane Franks, Maryland Department of the Environment*
- 10:10 2. Comment Response for the PM<sub>2.5</sub> SIP (ACTION)**  
*Jeff King, COG DEP, will briefly review comments and proposed responses to comments for the PM<sub>2.5</sub> SIP.*
- 10:40 3. PM<sub>2.5</sub> SIP (ACTION)**  
*Joan Rohlfs, COG DEP, will present the revised PM<sub>2.5</sub> SIP for approval to recommend to MWAQC.*
- 10:50 4. Conformity Scope of Work**  
*Mike Clifford, COG DTP, will present the proposed scope of work for the Conformity Determination for the 2008 CLRP and 2009-2014 TIP.*
- 11:05 5. MWAQC FY 09 Work Program and Budget (proposed)**  
*Joan Rohlfs, COG DEP, will present the proposed MWAQC work program and budget.*
- 11:15 6. Climate Change Steering Committee and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Workgroup**  
*Joan Rohlfs, COG DEP, will provide an update on the Climate Change Steering Committee.*
- 11:30 7. Other Business**
- 11:40 8. State and Local Air Agency Report**
- 11:50 9. Set Date for Next Meeting, Future Agenda Items, Adjourn**  
**Next TAC Meeting: April 8, 2008**



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**MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee  
Meeting Summary  
January 8, 2007 10am to 12pm  
Teleconference**

**Present:**

Tom Ballou, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Monica Backmon, Prince William County  
Cecily Beall, District Department of the Environment  
Randy Carroll, Maryland Department of Environment  
Bhesh Dhamala, Fairfax County Department of Health  
Thomas Foster, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Diane Franks, Maryland Department of Environment  
Brian Hug, Maryland Department of Environment  
Maurice Keys, District Department of Transportation  
Sonya Lewis-Cheatham, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Doris McLeod, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Bob Owolabi, Fairfax County Department of Transportation  
Pam Parker, Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection  
Jim Ponticello, Virginia Department of Transportation  
Bill Skrabak, City of Alexandria  
Howard Simons, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Khoa Tran, City of Alexandria  
Chris Voigt, Virginia Department of Transportation  
Flint Webb, Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

**Staff:**

Mike Clifford, COG/DTP  
Daivamani Sivasailam, COG/DTP  
Jeff King, COG/DEP  
Sunil Kumar, COG/DEP  
Eulalie Lucas, COG/DTP  
Joan Rohlfs, COG/DEP

**Observers/Participants:**

Charley Baummer, MWAA  
Julie Crenshaw Van Fleet, AQPAC  
Bill Butler, Mirant

**1. Call to Order and Review of Meeting Summary (December 6, 2007).** Ms. Franks called the meeting to order at 10:08. The minutes of the December 6, 2007 meeting were approved with no changes.

## **2. PM<sub>2.5</sub> SIP Schedule**

Joan Rohlfs reviewed the PM<sub>2.5</sub> SIP schedule, including dates and locations for public hearings. The Virginia hearing will be at the Falls Church high school on Tuesday January 29 at 7pm. The Maryland hearing will be at the M-NCPPC in Silver Spring on Wednesday January 30 at 6pm. The District hearing will be at the Department of Environment offices on Monday February 11 at 6pm.

Sunil Kumar said that there will need to be minor changes to the emission inventory. Brian Hug asked staff to forward an email sent by Ram Tangirala with questions about the VOC emission inventory in Maryland. Mike Clifford said that Ram Tangirala also found an error in the 8-hour ozone SIP inventory, but the PM SIP inventory is correct. The error involved converting daily diurnal emissions to annual. Tom Ballou said that Virginia will submit a public comment to revise the emission inventory, specifically to refine estimates of open burning emissions in Virginia.

## **3. Conformity Determination for the 2007 CLRP and 2008-2013 TIP**

Mike Clifford presented the Conformity Determination for the 2007 CLRP and 2008-2013 TIP. He said that the TPB can demonstrate conformity using both the interim test and the proposed new mobile budgets that have not yet been approved by EPA. The analysis includes Round 7.1 Cooperative Forecasts which reflect anticipated DOD BRAC actions. The comment period ends on January 12. TPB will act on the determination on January 16.

A draft MWAQC comment letter circulated to members of the Conformity Subcommittee was reviewed and approved by the TAC for recommendation to MWAQC.

## **4. Climate Change Steering Committee and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Workgroup**

Joan Rohlfs provided an update on the Climate Change Steering Committee (CCSC). The CCSC will meet on January 23. The main focus of the next meeting will be on possible regional reduction targets. Staff are preparing options for members to consider. Other items of interest include a survey of local government programs conducted by the Institute for Regional Excellence and a compendium of Best Practices being developed by staff.

The Energy Advisory Committee (EAC) will meet again on January 17. At that meeting, local energy and environmental representatives will be briefed on the status of a DOE grant to develop measurement and verification protocols for documenting energy and environmental benefits of efficiency measures. Staff will also discuss the results of the data request that was sent to local utilities to collect data on electricity consumption by jurisdiction.

## **5. Applications for Stakeholder Positions**

Joan Rohlfs discussed the status of stakeholder appointments. She said that two current members, Flint Webb and John Kinsman, have reapplied to serve in 2008. Applications were also received from Bill Butler, Mirant, and Walt Seedlock, Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee. Julie Crenshaw Van Fleet and Bill Skrabak said that Mirant should not be allowed to have a representative on both AQPAC and TAC. Members generally agreed and said that it would be good to have government sector representation. Jeff King said that Candice

Gay, from the DoD REC Region III, has applied in the past and may be interested. Diane Franks said that she will await the final list of candidates before completing stakeholder appointments.

## **6. Other Business**

None.

## **7. State and Local Air Agency Report**

Tom Ballou reported for Virginia. Governor Kaine issued Executive Order 59 which establishes a climate change commission for Virginia. DEQ is developing a draft greenhouse gas inventory for 2005 and 2006. A bill has been introduced that would require an annual update to the inventory. DEQ is in the process of setting up a stakeholder meeting with Mirant, the City of Alexandria, and EPA. The Air Board is scheduled to meet in Alexandria on January 25 and in Richmond on February 7.

Brian Hug reported for Maryland. A designation letter for the new daily standard was submitted to EPA requesting designation as nonattainment. The Baltimore PM SIP is being prepared. The Advisory Council is expected to approve the RGGI regulations soon. The Climate Change Commission interim report is being completed.

Cecily Beall reported for the District. Public hearings are being held for the infrastructure SIP. Public comments have been received for the OTC VOC regulations. The District is considering adopting CAL LEV II and is establishing an Office of Sustainability within the Department of the Environment.

**8. Set Date for Next Meeting, Future Agenda Items, Adjourn:** Next TAC Meeting:  
February 21, 2008