

Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: October 27, 2004

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

COG Board Room, 3rd Floor

MWCOG, 777 N. Capitol St., NE

Washington, D.C. 20002

*Lunch will be provided at 12:00 pm for members and official alternates

AGENDA

- 12:00 1. Call to Order; Public Comment Period**
- 12:15 2. Approval of Minutes, Announcements, Chairman's Report**
- 12:20 3. Committee Reports**
 - A. Report of the Technical Advisory Committee**
 - B. Report of the Air Quality Public Advisory Committee**
 - C. Report of the Clean Air Partners**
- 12:45 4. Summary of Mirant Settlement**
- 1:00 5. Draft Air Quality Conformity Determination of the 2004 CLRP and FY2005-2010 TIP: Proposed Comment Letter**
- 1:15 6. MWAQC Bylaws Revision: Adoption**
- 1:45 7. 8-Hour SIP Planning: Status Report**
- 1:55 8. State Air Agencies' Report**
- 2:00 9. Date for Next Meeting and Adjourn: November 24, 2004**

Item: 2. Approval of Minutes, Announcements, Chairman's Report

Presenter: Hon. Thomas Dernoga, MWAQC Chair

Description:

Chair will call for approval of Meeting Summary for September 22, 2004, and for amendments to the agenda.

Recommended Action:

Approve minutes

Item: 4. Summary of Mirant Settlement

Presenter: Mike Dowd, Air Enforcement Officer, VDEQ

Description:

On September 27, EPA, Department of Justice, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the State of Maryland announced a major settlement with Mirant Mid-Atlantic, the energy company that operates four coal-fired power plants in the Washington metropolitan region. The settlement requires Mirant to install pollution controls on plants and to reduce NOx emissions by 29,000 tons per year in the region. Mike Dowd, Air Enforcement Manager, Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality will discuss the settlement .

There will be two opportunities for public comment on the settlement. VDEQ is accepting public comment on its proposed revision to the Mirant operating permit, announced on September 28. The VDEQ public comment period closes on October 29. The revised operating permit incorporates terms of the settlement. A public hearing on the revised permit will be held in Alexandria on October 28, 2004.

The Federal Register published a notice of the Proposed Consent Decree on October 7, 2004. The public comment period ends thirty days later. Comments should be addressed to the Dept. of Justice.

Recommended Action:

Briefing

Materials:

Federal Register, Vol. 69, No. 195, October 7, 2004, pp.60187-60188.
Press Release.

Item 5: Draft Air Quality Conformity Determination of the 2004 CLRP and FY2005-2010 TIP: Proposed Comment Letter

Presenter: Jeff King, DEP

Description:

The Dept. of Transportation Planning staff completed an assessment of the air quality conformity for the 2004 Constrained Long Range Plan and the proposed FY 2005-2010 TIP. MWAQC's Technical Advisory Committee reviewed the conformity assessment and recommends that MWAQC approve a comment letter which Jeff King will present. The comment period ends October 31 and TPB proposes to act on the conformity assessment and the proposed FY 2005-2010 TIP at its meeting on November 17, 2004.

Recommended Action:

Vote to approve comment letter

Materials:

- 1) Memo, October 1, 2004, Mike Clifford to TPB Technical Committee, "Draft Air Quality Conformity Assessment for the 2004 Update of the Constrained Long Range Plan (CLRP) and the FY 2005-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP).
- 2) Handout: "Status of the Emissions Post Processor for the TPB Travel Model, Version 2.1 D, Draft #50.
- 3) Draft comment letter, Chair Tom Dernoga, MWAQC to Chair Chris Zimmerman, TPB regarding Conformity Assessment

Item: 6. MWAQC Bylaws Revision

**Presenter: Tom Dernoga, Chair, MWAQC
Lee Ruck, COG General Counsel**

Description:

In February the Governors and Mayor sent a letter to the MWAQC leadership initiating dialogue to reexamine the Washington region's air quality planning process for the future. There have been several meetings of the MWAQC Executive Committee and representatives of the State Secretaries of Environment and Transportation to discuss proposed changes to the process. At the July MWAQC meeting, the Committee appointed the MWAQC Executive Committee to revise the bylaws to address proposed changes.

In September MWAQC voted to add the Bylaws Revision to the October agenda for adoption. Amendments to the proposed Revision will be presented for discussion.

Recommended Action:

Adoption

Materials:

Proposed MWAQC Bylaw Revisions
Proposed Amendments

Item: 7. 8-Hour SIP Planning: Status Report

Presenter: Joan Rohlfs, Chief, Air Quality Planning

Description:

In June EPA designated the Washington, DC-MD-VA region as in moderate nonattainment for the 8-hour ozone standard. This month the Technical Advisory Committee organized a Control Measures Workgroup and scheduled its first conference call to discuss control measures.

Staff will propose a schedule for developing control measures for the Reasonable Further Progress SIP, which will be required by the end of 2006. EPA is expected to publish the second phase of the 8-hour implementation guidance by the end of the year.

Recommended Action:

Briefing

Materials:

Memo, Joan Rohlfs to MWAQC, October 21, 2004, "Development of Control Measures for the 8-Hour Ozone Standard."