

MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee
1-Page Summary of Policy-Relevant Issues July 11, 2006

Key policy-relevant issues discussed at the July 11 meeting are summarized below.

Emissions Inventory

- Draft emission inventories for 2002, 2008, and 2009 for the nonroad, point, area, and mobile sources are complete.
- Maryland, Virginia, and the District will be able to meet their June 15 deadline for submitting the 2002 base year inventory to EPA.

Conformity Subcommittee

- Draft mobile emission values for 2008 and 2009 may become new mobile budgets for use in conformity. Current estimates indicate that the projected 2008, 2009, and 2010 mobile emissions levels will be below the new mobile budgets. The IAQC will consider mobile budget recommendations in July.

Attainment Modeling

- The next attainment modeling efforts will reflect updated inventories from the Regional Planning Organizations (RPOs). Updated inventories are expected in late August.
- The Attainment Modeling Subcommittee is continuing work on a weight-of-evidence analysis.

SIP Schedule

- The SIP schedule was revised to reflect the delay in receiving the updated modeling inventories from the RPOs.
- IAQC input is expected on the mobile budgets in July and on the control strategy before September.
- The draft SIP should be completed in the Fall. Public hearings would be held in the January/February timeframe.

Control Measures

- The TAC is recommending to MWAQC the following measures be included in the control strategy: Consumer Products Phase II; Industrial Adhesives and Sealants; Portable Fuel Containers Phase II; and Chip Reflash. Virginia will not adopt the chip reflash rule as a mandatory program. Maryland and the District may consider a voluntary approach to Chip Reflash as well.
- States may also adopt other measures on an as-needed basis, including industrial, commercial, and institutional (ICI) boiler standards; asphalt production controls; and cement kiln controls.
- The TAC is also recommending that a local innovative measures bundle be included in the SIP.
- Control measures also need to be identified to satisfy contingency measure requirements.

Local Government Initiatives

- The Local Government Initiatives Subcommittee continues to seek commitments from member jurisdictions to include local voluntary measures in the SIP.
- Potential commitments include wind energy purchases, renewable portfolio standards, diesel retrofits, and LED traffic signal retrofits.

Ozone Season Summary

- There was one major air pollution episode at the end of May and early June. Peak 8-hour ozone concentrations were 102 ppb on both May 30 and 31. Local emissions and transport both contributed to the episode. The maximum 24-hour PM_{2.5} concentration was 35 ug/m³ on May 30. There were also three additional exceedences of the 8-hour ozone standard June 17, 18, and 21.

Upcoming Events

- Joint IAQC/MWAQC Meeting. July 17.
- AQPAC. July 17.
- TPB. July 19.
- MWAQC. July 26.