

**MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee**  
**1-Page Summary of Policy-Relevant Issues October 13 Meeting**

Key policy-relevant issues discussed at the October 13 meeting are summarized below.

1. EPA Reconsideration of the 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS

- EPA has announced that it will reconsider the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS, including a review of the science, to determine if the current NAAQS was appropriately set. EPA intends to announce its decision in December 2009. It is not currently anticipated that the action will seriously affect the timing of SIP submissions due in 2013, however, final area designations may be delayed by several months.

2. Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) 2009-2012 Workplan

- Staff are developing a draft 2009-2012 workplan for consideration by CEEPC. The recommendations from the November 2008 COG Climate Change Report are being reviewed to determine which will likely impact 2012 emissions, and to propose various performance measures, responsible parties, and target dates for completion to a matrix. An ad-hoc workgroup has been formed to assist staff in developing the proposed workplan which may be adopted in 2010.

3. Transition to MOVES Model

- An interagency task force is meeting monthly to address the transition to the new model. COG DEP and DTP staff are assessing the scope of necessary data, considering options such as county level, sub regional, or regional inputs. Staff are also conducting sensitivity analyses to rank the importance of the range of variables being considered.

4. Diesel Emission Reduction Projects and Opportunities

- Through a MARAMA proposal to EPA, Montgomery County and the City of Alexandria were awarded a grant to fund diesel emission reduction projects. Details on implementation of projects in Alexandria are pending. The project in Montgomery County will involve installation of diesel particulate filters on municipal equipment. EPA has recently released an RFP for the next round of DERA project funding. COG is working to identify project partners to develop a submission for funding.

5. Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gases

- EPA has finalized a rulemaking requiring certain sources to report emissions of greenhouse gases. For more information on the rulemaking, see <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ghgrulemaking.html>

Upcoming Meetings:

AQPAC October 19

TPB October 21

Energy Advisory Committee/IGBG October 15

Street Light Vendors Forum October 20

TAC November 3

Climate Energy and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC) November 18

MWAQC December 9