

# Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee

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## MEETING NOTICE

**Date: September 24, 2008**

**Time: 12:00 pm– 2:00 pm**

**Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments  
777 North Capitol St., NE, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Training Center  
Washington, D.C. 20002**

*\*Lunch will be available for members at 11:30 a.m.*

## AGENDA

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- 12:00 1. Call to Order; Public Comment Period, Approval of Minutes, Introduction of New Members, Chair's Remarks,**
- 12:05 2. 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**
- 12:20 3. Ozone Season Summary**
- 12:45 4. PM<sub>2.5</sub> Clean Data Determination Request (ACTION)**
- 1:15 5. AQPAC Bylaws Amendment (ACTION)**
- 1:30 6. COG Climate Change Report: MWAQC Comments (ACTION)**
- 1:50 7. State and Local Air Agency Reports**
- 2:00 8. Date for Next Meeting and Adjourn**  
Next Meeting: October 22, 12 pm – 2 pm



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**Item: 1. Public Comment, Approval of Minutes, Announcements, Chairman's Report**

**Presenter: Hon. David Snyder, MWAQC Chair**

**Description:**

After the public comment period, Chair will call for approval of Meeting Summary for July 23, 2008, and for amendments to the agenda.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve minutes

**Item: 2. Committee Reports**

- **Report of the Technical Advisory Committee**  
**Diane Franks, Chair**
- **Report of the Air Quality Public Advisory Committee**  
**Deron Lovaas, Chair**
- **Report of the Clean Air Partners**  
**Harriet West, Managing Director**

**Item 3. Ozone Season Summary**

**Presenter:** Jen Desimone, MWCOG DEP

**Description:**

Staff will summarize the 2008 ozone season and discuss the Code Red and Code Orange days when the federal health standard was exceeded for either ozone or fine particles.

**Recommended Action:**

Briefing

**Materials:**

Summary

**Item: 4        PM<sub>2.5</sub> Clean Data Determination Request (ACTION)**

**Presenter:    Joan Rohlf**

**Description:**

The MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee recommends that MWAQC and the States request EPA to issue a Clean Data Determination for fine particles (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) for the Washington metropolitan area. EPA's Clean Data Policy can be requested because the Washington region's monitor data has been in compliance with the 1997 federal health standards for fine particles since 2005.

Staff will discuss the advantages of the Clean Data Policy for the Washington region. The main benefit to the region would be to provide time to resolve air quality plan (SIP) issues resulting from the D.C. Circuit Court's decision in July to vacate EPA's Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR), a rule that contributed to 28 states and the District's ability to meet the PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard by the 2009 deadline.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve Clean Data Request

**Materials:**

Memo

Power point presentation

**Item 5.        AQPAC Bylaws Amendment (ACTION)**

**Presenter:**

**Description:**

In July the MWAQC Chair appointed an MWAQC/AQPAC Review Committee to review Air Quality Public Advisory Committee (AQPAC) bylaws with a view to revitalizing the committee and improving its outreach to the community.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve bylaws revision

**Materials:**

Proposed bylaws revision

**Item 6. COG Climate Change Report: MWAQC Comments  
(ACTION)**

**Presenter: Jeff King, MWCOG DEP**

**Description:**

Staff will present a draft comment letter on COG's Climate Change Report. The MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) reviewed and recommend that MWAQC approve the letter. MWAQC comments on the letter to the Climate Change Steering Committee will be solicited. The comment period ends on September 30.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve comment letter

**Materials:**

Draft Comment Letter on COG Climate Change Report