

**MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee**  
**1-Page Summary of Policy-Relevant Issues July 13, 2010 Meeting**

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

1. EPA Transport Rule

EPA has proposed a rulemaking (the Transport Rule) to resolve issues with the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) that was remanded by the courts to EPA for reconsideration. The proposal would require significant reductions in sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions that cross state lines. By 2014, the rule and other state and EPA actions would reduce power plant SO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 71 percent over 2005 levels. Power plant NO<sub>x</sub> emissions would drop by 52 percent. The rule will set state level budgets and will limit interstate trading of allowances. TAC will consider a draft comment letter in September. The proposal does not consider the new lower ozone NAAQS so EPA is proposing to evaluate what state budgets would be needed for the regions to meet the new NAAQSs as part of a Transport Rule amendment.

2. SO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS

EPA has finalized a new lower SO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS. The new 1-hour standard is set at 75ppb. Designations will be finalized in 2012, SIPs will be due in 2014 with the attainment date in 2017. Since SO<sub>2</sub> pollution is more of a localized issue, designations may be county-level and not the traditional nonattainment region approach.

3. OTC Annual Meeting

The OTC is calling on EPA to create strong national rules to address NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub> in 6 categories, including EGUs, ICI boilers, on- and non-road sources, cement kilns, locomotive and marine engines. OTC is also calling for EPA to create new rules affecting VOC sources. In addition, OTC members are committed to adopting new regional control programs, including EERE, HEDD, lightering, nonroad idling, low solvent degreasers, and MSW incinerators.

4. MOVES Schedule

The MOVES task force is expecting to have completed test runs and reach agreement on basic inputs by October. By the end of the year, the task force is expected to have completed work on conformity runs using MOVES and the new CLRP and TIP, which will give the group a better understanding of whether there may be issues with demonstrating conformity once the grace period ends in 2012. If issues related to demonstrating conformity after the grace period are identified, it will be important to determine the best course of action to resolve in a timely manner.

5. Ozone Season Summary

As of July 13, there have been 17 ozone exceedance days, including one code red day. The recent pollution episode in early July involved stagnant conditions, extremely high temperatures, and recirculation of pollution. The highest levels were on July 7 at the McMillan monitor (8-hour ozone at 100 ppb), with a total of 13 monitors exceeding that day.

6. Voluntary Measures Progress Reporting

Staff continue to work with local governments to collect information on progress in meeting the voluntary commitments in the ozone and fine particle SIPs. Staff are working to identify reductions that may be available to make up potential emission credit shortfalls.

7. Diesel Idle Reduction Campaign

COG, DCDOE, and MDE have launched a new idle reduction campaign targeting trucks and buses. A kickoff meeting was held at COG on July 13.

Upcoming Events

ACPAC July 19, MOVES Task Force July 20, TPB July 21, CEEPC July 21, MWAQC July 28.