

MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee
1-Page Summary of Policy-Relevant Issues November 17, 2006

Key policy-relevant issues discussed at the November 17 meeting are summarized below.

Attainment Modeling

- New attainment modeling results reflect recently updated inventories, modeling platforms, and assumptions from EPA's Integrated Planning Model (IPM).
- Updated modeling results indicate that the Washington, DC region will remain in nonattainment in 2009 under the scenarios analyzed. Two monitors have predicted Design Values greater than 87 ppb and as such may be out of the weight of evidence range.
- Results are being evaluated to determine the factors influencing changes from previous modeling runs. Possibilities include the modeling platform, meteorology, or IPM inputs.

SIP Status

- The draft SIP is being circulated for review and comment.
- Outstanding SIP items include contingency planning and attainment modeling results.
- Delays in completing recent attainment modeling runs may result in a change to the SIP schedule. Potential revisions to the current SIP schedule will be discussed at the next MWAQC Executive Committee meeting.

Conformity Subcommittee

- Transportation Control Measures and Vehicle, Fuel, or Maintenance-based Measures will be included in the SIP. Reductions from these measures in 2008 and 2009 need to be reflected in the mobile budgets.
- Mobile emissions are being estimated for 2010 to determine the extent of possible reductions available for contingency planning.

Contingency Planning

- The 8-hour ozone SIP will require a contingency plan for potential attainment or RFP failures. Emission reductions in the amount of 3 percent of the adjusted 2002 base case inventory must be available for implementation in 2010/2011.
- An 18 percent plan may satisfy the contingency requirement for RFP failures. The additional 3 percent reduction above the required 15 percent may be attributed to the OTC VOC measures.
- Potential contingency measures for attainment failures are still being evaluated.

Local Government Initiatives

- Formal commitment letters from the local jurisdictions will be needed by the end of the year for inclusion in the SIP.

Stakeholder Nominations

- Stakeholder nominations need to be submitted by December 29, 2006.

State Air Agency Update

- The state air agencies are working to prepare CAIR/CAMR SIPs and to promulgate regulations to implement the OTC model rules.

Upcoming Events

- TAC December 8, 2006
- MWAQC. December 13, 2006.