

MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee
1-Page Summary of Policy-Relevant Issues January 9, 2007

Key policy-relevant issues discussed at the January 9 meeting are summarized below.

Attainment Modeling

- Quality assurance reviews of recent attainment modeling runs identified an error in processing of mobile emissions outside of the region. Revised corrected results were presented. The results indicate that although two of the monitors in the region will have predicted design values of 86 ppb, the region will be able to demonstrate attainment through the use of weight of evidence. One additional attainment modeling run will be completed using final inputs to reflect any recent changes in predicted emissions for 2009, including recent revisions to emissions for portable fuel containers.

SIP Status

- Outstanding SIP items include contingency planning and final attainment modeling results. The current schedule calls for MWAQC to approve a draft SIP in March for public hearings.

Local Government Initiatives

- Formal commitment letters from the local jurisdictions will be needed by the end of January for inclusion in the SIP.
- MWAQC and TPB staff will collaborate to review proposed transportation-related measures for possible inclusion in the local voluntary bundle.

Conformity Subcommittee

- The Conformity Subcommittee drafted a MWAQC letter to TPB responding to a request that the TPB be given the opportunity to review any proposed transportation-related measures for possible inclusion in the local voluntary bundle.
- COG Cooperative Forecasts may be updated by March and may reflect anticipated changes resulting from BRAC.

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. Potential contingency measures for attainment failures are still being evaluated.

Stakeholder Nominations

- Three stakeholder applications have been received, and additional nominations are pending. The TAC Chair will make appointments in February.

State Air Agency Update

- The Healthy Air Act implementation rule and the OTC Consumer Products and Portable Fuel Container Phase II rules were approved by the Clean Air Advisory Council in Maryland. There will be a hearing on the Maryland Conformity SIP.
- In Virginia, the Air Board will have a hearing on the CAMR Rule. The regulatory process for the OTC Phase II rules will be initiated. Mirant has sent a notice of intent to sue Virginia DEQ regarding the no trading provisions of the Virginia CAIR rule.
- The District has sent a letter to the TAC Chair asking that the emission reductions associated with the OTC measures implemented in the District be withheld from credit in the SIP.

Upcoming Events

- AQPAC. January 22, 2007
- The January MWAQC meeting is cancelled.