

Status of Base Year 2017 Emissions Inventory Document

Background

District Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE), Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ), and Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) completed the first round of the public hearing and comment process for the base year 2017 emissions inventory document for the Washington, DC-MD-VA 2015 marginal ozone nonattainment area on May 27, 2020.

EPA published the final NEI 2017 inventory on April 30, 2020. Following this, DOEE and VDEQ decided to incorporate technical corrections to their portions of the base year 2017 inventories based on the final NEI 2017 emissions data. Based on the consultation with EPA, DOEE and VDEQ decided to hold a second round of the public hearing and comment process to receive comments on updated inventories. Following are the dates for the second round of the public hearing and comment process:

District: June 12, 2020 – July 13, 2020

Virginia: June 22, 2020 – July 22, 2020

On May 27, 2020, the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality (MWAQC) authorized the MWAQC Executive Committee to review and approve response to comments received during the second round of the public hearing and comment processes undertaken by DOEE and VDEQ.

COG Staff will work with state air agencies to develop a response to any comments received during the second round of the public hearing and comment process. This response will be shared with MWAQC-TAC members soon after it has been finalized.

MWAQC is expected to approve response to any comments received along with the final base year 2017 emissions inventory document on July 29, 2020 for EPA submittal by state air agencies in August 2020.