

MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
May 9, 2023, 10 AM to 11:20 AM

Present:

Tom Ballou, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Anna Marshall, Baltimore Metropolitan Council
Chris Voigt, Virginia Department of Transportation
Doris McLeod, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Jim Ponticello, Virginia Department of Transportation
John Kinsman, Edison Electric Institute
Marcia Ways, Maryland Department of the Environment
Matthew Gaskin, District Department of Transportation
Richard Dooley, Arlington County
Roger Thunell, Maryland Department of the Environment
Sophia Cortazzo, Maryland Department of Transportation
Sonya Lewis-Cheatham, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Thomas Foster, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Virginia Burke, Maryland Department of Transportation

Staff:

Sunil Kumar, COG/DEP
Dusan Vuksan, COG/DTP
Jane Posey, COG/DTP
Jeff King, COG/DEP
Jen Desimone, COG/DEP
Jinchul Park, COG/DTP
Tim Masters, COG/DEP
Wanda Owens, COG/DTP
Cristina Finch, COG/DTP

1. Call to Order and Review of Meeting Summary

Tom Ballou called the meeting to order at 10 am. The April 11th meeting summary was approved without changes.

2. 2008 Ozone NAAQS Maintenance Plan Update

A. Draft Plan Document, Safety Margins, and MVEBs

Sunil Kumar briefed members on a few changes made to the document, which primarily related to the re-evaluation of MVEBs in future in the concerned plan. Jane Posey discussed the text proposed by TPB in this regard. Members agreed with those changes.

B. Plan schedule and approval for public hearing & comments

Sunil Kumar said that the plan will be presented to MWAQC in May for approval by the committee for public hearing and comments purposes. This will be done with the understanding that if EPA provides any significant comments that warrants review by MWAQC, then the plan will be revised with response to those comments addressed in the document and brought back to MWAQC for approval for public comments process again.

3. EPA Proposed Multi-Pollutant and Greenhouse Gas Motor Vehicle Rules

Tim Masters briefed members on proposed LDV, MDV and HDDV multi-pollutant and GHG emissions standards. First rule addresses Multi-Pollutant Emissions Standards for Model Years 2027 and Later Light-Duty and Medium-Duty Vehicles while the second rule addresses Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Heavy-Duty Vehicles – Phase 3. He also briefed on

two separate MWAQC/TPB/CEEPC comment letters. Members agreed to recommend the letters to MWAQC for approval.

4. 2023 Ozone Season Update

Sunil Kumar briefed members on the 2023 ozone season data. There were 2 exceedances of the 2015 ozone season as of the meeting date.

John Kinsman informed members that there are some uncertainties the good neighbor rule as some states our groups will be litigating regarding EPA's projection of SIPs and inclusion of non-EGUs. Since the rule has not been finalized yet, this would require EPA to change the allocation of emissions reductions from the effective date. A few states are in limbo. EPA will defer action and re-assess emission contribution for a few nearby states like Iowa, Kansas, and Tennessee. John also mentioned that there will be a proposal for re-evaluation of the 2015 ozone standard in the spring 2024. Why EPA staff is recommending retaining current ozone standard, CASAC members recommended the new standard to be in the range of 55-60 ppb. CASAC members finalize their recommendation on May 23-24, 2023. Tom agreed with John and said that greenhouse gas standards will also have some issues.

5. State/Local Updates

Virginia- Tom said that Virginia submitted climate pollution grant program application on April 27, 2023. Public hearing for the 1997 ozone NAAQS maintenance plan update for the Fredericksburg area will start soon.

Maryland- Roger said that the comment period for Cecil County SIP will start on May 15, 2023.
District- None.

The meeting ended at 11:20 am.