

MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
January 14, 2020, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM

Present:

Tom Ballou, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Doris McLeod, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Sonya Lewis-Cheatham, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Marcia Ways, Maryland Department of the Environment
Tim Shepherd, Maryland Department of the Environment
Alex Brun, Maryland Department of the Environment
Ram Tangirala District Department of Energy & Environment,
Joseph Jakuta, District Department of Energy & Environment
Britany Widdell, District Department of Energy & Environment
Jim Ponticello, Virginia Department of Transportation
Norman Whitaker, Virginia Department of Transportation
John Kinsman, Edison Electric Institute

Staff:

Sunil Kumar, COG/DEP
Jeff King, COG/DEP
Steve Walz, COG/DEP
Jane Posey, COG/DTP
Leah Boggs, COG/DEP

1. Call to Order and Review of Meeting Summary

Tom Ballou called the meeting to order at 10 am. The November 12th and December 10th meeting summaries were approved without any changes.

2. Update on Base Year Emissions Inventory

Sunil Kumar discussed the draft base year 2017 emissions inventory document in detail. He focused on the revisions made to the document and appendices and informed members that they will be posted on COG SIP website once point source emissions updates received from VDEQ have been included. State air agency staff asked COG staff to develop an email message for EPA region 3 requesting the review of the base year 2017 emissions inventory document by a certain date. They instructed COG staff to send the message to state air agencies for their review before sending it to EPA. State air agency staff asked COG staff to send it to EPA region 3 (Susan Spielberger) copying state air agency staff on it after they have reviewed and approved the email message for EPA.

3. VW Settlement Fund Appendix D Activities

Leah Boggs provided members with updates on the VW settlement fund Appendix D activities. Tom mentioned that the contract for the DC fast chargers is a high priority for Virginia. He also said that electric vehicles are being considered for rural counties in absence of charging stations. For this reason, propane buses are also being looked at. Tim Shepherd said that MDE is trying to estimate the number of charging stations required for 16,000 vehicles. Besides a set-aside fund of \$600,000, electric buses are also covered under a separate \$4.6 million fund. MDE uses EPA's DEQ computer program to estimate emissions

benefits. Doris asked Jane if TPN plans to estimate emissions benefits from the Appendix D funds. Jane said TPB will look into this. Ram suggested estimating these benefits for the next ozone SIP. Tim said MDE will publish these estimates on the MDE website. Ram said that the District's estimates are available on the DOEE website.

4. Draft List of 2020 MWAQC-TAC Topics

Sunil discussed a draft list of topics to be covered in MWAQC-TAC meetings in 2020. John Kinsman suggested three items for discussion namely, EPA's review of 2012 annual PM2.5 standard, 2015 ozone standard, and CSAPR Close-out rule.

5. Announcement of 2020 MWAQC-TAC Stakeholders

Tom Ballou announced the names of MWAQC-TAC stakeholders for 2020. John Kinsman from Edison Electric Institute will continue as a stakeholder. Trevor Manning from the Navy Region 3 will be a new stakeholder. He will replace Leal Boyd.

6. Other Items

Joseph brought up the issue of submitting to EPA an MWAC comment letter in response to EPA's Cleaner truck Initiative ANPRM. He said good data exists on the contribution of heavy-duty trucks towards the total NOx emission and air quality. Tom said NACAA is also looking for comments from states on this issue. Ram asked members if MWAQC should submit a comment letter. Virginia was fine with it. Alex said that it looks fine to her, but she would need to get the approval from the upper management. Steve requested Joseph to draft a comment letter for members to review. Joseph agreed to it.

7. State & Local Updates

Virginia – Tom said there is currently a lot of legislative activities going on related to climate change in Virginia.

Maryland did not have any updates.

District – Ram said the District submitted the amendment to the regional haze SIP as well as the point source inventory for 2018 in December.

The conference call ended at 11:30 am.