

MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee
1-Page Summary of Policy-Relevant Issues September 12, 2006

Key policy-relevant issues discussed at the September 12 meeting are summarized below.

SIP Schedule

- The SIP schedule was revised to reflect the delay in receiving the updated modeling inventories from the RPOs.
- The draft SIP should be provided to MWAQC in January. Public hearings would be held in the February/March timeframe.
- A stakeholder input meeting may be held in October. Details will be discussed at the September 18 AQPAC meeting.

Attainment Modeling

- The next attainment modeling efforts will reflect recently updated inventories from the Regional Planning Organizations (RPOs). Updated modeling results are expected in October.
- The Attainment Modeling Subcommittee is continuing work on weight-of-evidence analyses.

Conformity Subcommittee

- The Transportation Planning Board (TPB) Technical Committee recently released a draft conformity determination for the 2006 CLRP and 2007-2012 TIP. Results indicate that the TPB will be able to demonstrate conformity for both the 8-hour and PM_{2.5} requirement. The Conformity Subcommittee will draft a comment letter.

Local Government Initiatives

- The Local Government Initiatives Subcommittee continues to seek commitments from member jurisdictions to include local voluntary measures in the SIP. A survey is being circulated to collect information on programs in the region that provide air quality benefits. The survey results are expected in late September. Formal commitment letters from the local jurisdictions will be needed by the end of the year for inclusion in the SIP.

Non-road Survey

- ERG and NuStats are conducting a survey of non-road equipment in the Washington region. Results of the survey should be available around the end of the year and could be used to target pollution reduction projects.

Ozone Season Summary

- There were several air pollution episodes this year. Significant multi-day episodes occurred at the end of May, mid-July, and late August. The maximum peak 8-hour ozone concentration was 125 ppb on July 18 (code purple). The maximum 24-hour PM_{2.5} concentration was 49 ug/m³ on July 11.

State Air Agency Update

- The state air agencies are working to submit RACT and CAIR SIPs. RACT SIPs will be submitted to EPA in September 2006. CAIR SIPs will be submitted to EPA in March 2007.

Upcoming Events

- Local Government Initiatives Subcommittee. September 14.
- AQPAC. Sept 18.
- TPB. Sept 20.
- MWAQC. Sept 27.