

MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
May 10, 2016
10:00 AM to 11:40 AM

Present:

Tom Ballou, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Doris McLeod, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Sonya Lewis-Cheatham, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Molly Berger, Maryland Department of the Environment
Collen Turner, Maryland Department of Transportation
Lyn Erickson, Maryland Department of Transportation
Chris Voigt, Virginia Department of Transportation
Mike Lake, Fairfax County
Malcolm Watson, Fairfax County
Leal Boyd, Navy Mid-Atlantic Region
John Kinsman, Edison Electric Institute
Walter Seedlock, MWAA

Staff:

Sunil Kumar, COG/DEP
Jeff King, COG/DEP
Steve Walz, COG/DEP
Jane Posey, COG/DTP
Jinchul Park, COG/DTP
Ron Milone, COG/DTP
Dusan Vuksan, COG/DTP
Kanti Srikanth, COG/DTP
Greg Goodwin, COG/DCPS

1. Call to Order and Review of Meeting Summary

Tom Ballou called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The April 12 meeting summary was approved without any changes.

2. Ozone Season Summary

Sunil updated members on the ongoing ozone season. There have been two code orange days in this season thus far based on the 2015 ozone standard and none for the PM2.5 standard. Steve asked if the 4th highest 8-hour average ozone concentrations should be presented in the next ozone season summaries to see how the region is doing relative to the 2015 ozone standard this year. Members agreed to review a draft copy of the slide containing the above information before deciding to include it for the next presentations.

3. Update on 1997 PM2.5 Maintenance Plan

Sunil updated members on the status of the revised PM2.5 maintenance plan that is currently going through public hearing and comment process. He mentioned the dates for public hearing and comment period for the District, Maryland, and Virginia. He also mentioned that Maryland did not receive any public comment, which just concluded on April 4th. However, the MDE staff has requested a technical correction to the annual point source emissions estimates for 2014,

which was provided earlier by the staff in Table 3-3 of the main plan document. A new Appendix D was added to the plan document to include notices for public hearings and comments, technical corrections, and responses to those comments and corrections. A revised plan document with updated Table 3-3 and a reference to the new Appendix D in the Table of Contents was also posted on the MWAQC-TAC web-site along with the Appendix D. Sunil mentioned that that COG staff would share any public comments received and the draft responses prepared by the staff with MWAQC-TAC members if any such comments are received between today and the last date of receiving public comments (May 19, 2016 for Virginia) before they are discussed and the plan document is approved in the MWAQC meeting on May 25th.

4. Update on the 2008 Ozone NAAQS Redesignation Request & Maintenance Plan

Sunil briefed on the status of the 2008 ozone NAAQS redesignation request & maintenance plan. He discussed in details the responses received from the EPA Region 3 to a number of questions that were sent to them regarding the above plan. Tom Ballou asked if we are still on the schedule to develop the plan. Sunil said that the COG staff would do its best to do so given that EPA still needs to provide their responses regarding the need to revise the base year 2011 on-road and nonroad emissions inventories using the MOVES2014a model. EPA also needs to provide the final responses to all the questions sent to them. Since EPA indicated that the plan could be approved latest by November/December 2018 (before the proposed revocation date of the 2008 ozone NAAQS), Steve suggested the TPB staff to keep in mind the above EPA deadline and try to do their best to develop the on-road emission inventories in time.

5. Update on Multi-Sector Working-Group

Steve briefed on the status of the MSWG effort. Response to MSWG recommendations from half of the major jurisdictions is still awaited. Most jurisdictions agree with the recommendations made by the MSWG group while 18% to 20% said those recommendations are consistent with their policies but action has not been taken yet. Rest of the jurisdictions said they do not intend to implement them as of now. A few recommendations such as, low carbon fuel standard seem more applicable at the national level instead of state/local level. Analysis is still being pursued for transportation measures. Responses from local governments will be compiled and presented to the MSWG policy work-group and then to the COG Board of Directors in the June 2016 meeting. If this deadline is not met, then the responses will be presented to the Board in their July 2016 annual retreat.

6. Environmental Justice Toolkit

Maia discussed the outlines of the Environmental Justice toolkit. She said comments should be provided on the outlines of the toolkit before the next ACPAC meeting on May 16th. Other interested organizations could also be invited to this meeting to provide their inputs. The toolkit outline will be brought to MWAQC-TAC, MWAQC, and CEEPC before being brought to the broader audience. Tom said the detailed material presented will need to be reviewed and understood by everybody. He suggested presenting this to MWAC in an easier format. Steve said it will be presented to MWAQC as a summary.

7. FY2017 MWAQC Work Program & Budget

Steve discussed the draft FY2015 work program and budget. This will be presented to MWAQC in the May meeting for approval.

8. State and Local Updates

There were no updates from the District, Maryland, and local representatives. Tom briefed members about the Redesignation Request Substitute that Virginia submitted to EPA to allow it to keep using 50 tons per year of VOC and 100 tons per years of NOx as thresholds for major sources.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.