

## **Policy Summary - MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee (April 9, 2013)**

Key policy-relevant issues discussed at the April 9 meeting of the MWAQC-TAC are summarized below.

### **PM2.5 Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan: Regional Response to Public Comments**

The Committee discussed the responses to public comments received from EPA, Dominion, and Sierra Club on the PM2.5 Maintenance Plan, which were revised after the last TAC meeting in March 2013. While most of the revisions were editorial in nature, Maryland added a sentence in its response to the Sierra Club's comment on the impact of the proposed redesignation request for the 1997 annual fine particle standard on other PM2.5 standards and regional haze in Maryland.

Staff made changes to the redesignation request and maintenance plan documents to include a new appendix containing the public notices issued by the state air agencies, public comments received on the plan, and the regional responses to those comments.

Maryland informed the committee that it is still working with the Sierra Club to address their concerns regarding the plan. Therefore, Maryland's responses to the Sierra Club comments are not considered final yet. Maryland also stressed the need to engage the Sierra Club in the proposed technical workshop to be held on May 14, 2013 to address the 2008 ozone standard.

### **Annual Progress Report for CEEPC Action Plan**

Staff briefed on the draft progress report for CEEPC action plan. Staff described various proposed goals for the Washington region jurisdictions and corresponding accomplishments and actions currently in-progress. These goals are related to greenhouse gas inventories and plans, energy efficiency, renewable energy, transportation, and outreach. The progress report is expected to be complete in Fall 2013.

### **EPA Proposals: 1997 Ozone SIP & Tier 3 Rule**

Staff briefed on the EPA proposals related to the approval of the remaining components of the 1997 ozone SIP and the recently proposed Tier 3 rule by EPA. EPA previously approved the base year 2002 emissions inventory, reasonably available control measures/technology (RACM/RACT), 2008 reasonable further progress (RFP) plan, 2008 mobile budgets, RFP contingency measures of the 1997 ozone standard SIP. Now it is proposing to approve the attainment demonstration, the 2009 and 2010 mobile budgets, and the attainment contingency measures.

### **EPA Interstate Air Transport Meeting, North Carolina**

Staff briefed the committee on the EPA's Interstate Air Transport Meeting held in North Carolina on April 8, 2013. EPA has initiated the process of developing a replacement rule for Cross State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR), which was vacated by the Supreme Court. EPA is trying to define its obligations for each state for emissions reductions. There will be two meetings one each for the east and west coasts. Initial findings from EPA for these two meetings will be published after the meetings are held. Key questions being addressed are the selection of the base year, inventory year to be used for modeling, ERTAC projections for EGU emissions, and the impact of MATS rule. OTC is also discussing a parallel process for addressing the transport issue. The District of Columbia and Maryland are filing a petition to the Supreme Court supporting a large nonattainment area to address this issue instead of a transport rule.