

**MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee**  
**1-Page Summary of Policy-Relevant Issues April 12, 2011 Meeting**

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

1. PM2.5 Redesignation and Maintenance Plan

- The states have all agreed to continue work to pursue a redesignation request for PM2.5 and to submit a corresponding maintenance plan.
- The region's air quality monitoring data continues to show compliance with the NAAQS.
- Under the current schedule, the emission inventories needed to complete the maintenance plan will be available in early 2012 and the final request and maintenance plan would be available for public comment in April 2012.

2. EPA Regulatory Actions

- EPA has proposed a rule to address emissions of hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) from power plants. The rule will establish strict emission limits for HAPs, including mercury and other heavy metals, as well as dioxins, PM, and other acid gases. Comments will be due 60 days after publication in the Federal Register.
- Under EPA's SNAP program, EPA has approved use of a new refrigerant - HFO-1234yf - that can be used in place of HFC-134a (a potent greenhouse gas used worldwide as an automobile refrigerant). EPA now plans to ban the use of HFC-134a in automobiles.

3. SO2 Designations

- EPA has issued guidance for handling SO2 area designations. Areas can be classified as attainment, nonattainment, or unclassifiable. Designations will be based on monitored and modeling data. State recommendations are due to EPA in the summer 2011.

4. Integrated Community Energy Planning

- COG will soon announce a contract award for expert consulting services to support the Integrated Energy Solutions Task Force. The statement of work includes support for identification of current local policies and programs with recommendations for potential changes to facilitate new clean energy. It also includes a task to develop information on the costs and benefits of available clean energy resources as well as the business case for select approaches. Proposals were due on March 28.

5. Daily Air Quality Forecasting

Daily air quality forecasting for the ozone season will begin on April 14.

Upcoming Events

ACPAC, May 16; TPB, May 18; CEEPC, May 25