

MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
July 11, 2017, 10:00 AM to 11:35 AM

Present:

Cecily Beall, District Department of Energy & Environment
Ram Tangirala, District Department of Energy & Environment
Tina Casey, District Department of Transportation
Tom Ballou, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Doris McLeod, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Sonya Lewis-Cheatham, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Brian Hug, Maryland Department of the Environment
Alex Brun, Maryland Department of the Environment
Marcia Ways, Maryland Department of the Environment
Jim Ponticello, Virginia Department of Transportation
Colleen Turner, Maryland Department of Transportation
Kary Snyder, Maryland Department of Transportation
Malcolm Watson, Fairfax County
Mike Lake, Fairfax County
Kambiz Agazi, Fairfax County
John Kinsman, Edison Electric Institute

Staff:

Sunil Kumar, COG/DEP
Steve Walz, COG/DEP
Jen Desimone, COG/DEP
Brandon Fox, COG/DEP
Dusan Vuksan, COG/DTP
Jane Posey, COG/DTP

1. Call to Order and Review of Meeting Summary

Cecily Beall called the meeting to order at 10 am. The June 13 meeting summary was approved without any changes.

2. Ozone Season Summary

Sunil presented members a summary of the ozone season. He mentioned that there have been six ozone code orange days and no such day for PM2.5 thus far in the season. He also discussed the trends in ozone and PM2.5 exceedance days and design values. He explained the reason for ozone exceedances thus far.

3. Draft 2008 Ozone NAAQS Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan & MVEBs

Sunil discussed the draft 2008 ozone NAAQS redesignation request and maintenance plan. He discussed the need to finalize emissions inventories for area and MAR sources for the District for 2014 and the write-up for the MVEBs and contingency measures. He asked about the need to have two separate sets of contingency measures (long and short-term). The group consensus was to have just one set. Also, the group decided to eliminate the specific date for the implementation of contingency measures and instead suggested replacing it with the term “after approval of the maintenance plan”. Sunil said he would modify the section on

contingency measures accordingly. Ram asked if the RACT was required for the plan. Doris said it is not required to have the RACT submitted before the marginal nonattainment area maintenance plan is approved.

Ram suggested delaying the schedule of the plan submittal until early 2018 to allow the District enough time to make changes to the I/M program and to finalize the area and MAR emissions inventories as they are currently taking lot of resources. Tom said the final emissions inventories could be included as part of the technical correction. Ram said the District's lawyers are very particular about the process for public comments. If the changes are significant, then we have to go to the public comment process again.

The group decided to hold a special meeting of MWAC-TAC on July 20th to recommend to MWAQC for the approval of the plan for public comments in its July 26th meeting. States will send the plan to EPA for their informal review in August. MWAQC will approve the plan after incorporating any comments received the public in its December meeting.

4. Environmental Justice Tool-Kit

Maia discussed various comments received from different entities on the draft tool-kit. These comments will be incorporated and the revised document will be presented to MWAQC on July 26th.for the approval of the tool-kit. The kit will be published on the ACPAC web-site. Further research into the EJ issues will continue. The tool-kit will be distributed to MWAQC and CEEPC members.

5. Draft Air Quality Trends Report

Sunil presented the comments received on the draft air quality trends report. Based on the comments, the report will contain trends and standards for the six criteria pollutants namely, ozone, Particulate Matter (PM2.5 & PM10), CO, NO2, SO2, and lead (Pb). It will cover data for the period 2005 through 2016. Raw data will be removed from the report. A new chart showing trends for PM2.5 speciation will be included.

6. State & Local Updates

Ram said the District will hold an information session on July 13th for ideas on projects for the VW effort. Tom said VDEQ started working on forming a work-group for developing the mechanism for CO2 trading. Maryland had no updates.

7. Adjourn

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.