

# Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee

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## MEETING NOTICE

**Date: February 28, 2007**

**Time: 12:00 pm– 2:00 pm**

**Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments  
777 North Capitol St., NE, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Board Room  
Washington, D.C. 20002**

\*Lunch will be available for members at 11:30 a.m.  
Orientation for New Members will begin at 10:30 am

## AGENDA

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- 12:00 1. Call to Order; Public Comment Period, Approval of Minutes, Chair's Remarks**
- 12:05 2. Committee Reports**
- A. Report of the Technical Advisory Committee**
  - B. Report of the Air Quality Public Advisory Committee**
  - C. Report of the Clean Air Partners**
  - D. Report of the Interstate Air Quality Council (IAQC)**
  - E. Climate Change Roundtable: Report**
- 12:30 3. MWAQC FY 2008 Work Program and Budget (ACTION)**
- 12:40 4. Final Attainment Modeling Results**
- 1:00 5. Contingency Planning**
- 1:10 6. SIP Schedule: Next Steps**
- 1:20 7. D.C. Court of Appeals Ruling on 8-hour Ozone SIP**
- 1:30 8. State Air Agency Reports**
- 1:40 9. Date for Next Meeting and Adjourn**



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**Item: 2. Public Comment, Approval of Minutes, Announcements, Chairman's Report**

**Presenter: Hon. Nancy Floreen, MWAQC Chair**

**Description:**

After the public comment period, Chair will call for approval of Meeting Summary for December 13, 2006, and for amendments to the agenda.

**Recommended Action:**

Approve minutes

**Item: 3. MWAQC FY 2008 Work Program and Budget (ACTION)**

**Presenter: Joan Rohlfs, Chief, Air Quality Planning**

**Description:**

The MWAQC Budget Committee chaired by Nancy Floreen met on February 9 to review the proposed FY 2008 MWAQC Work Program and Budget. The Technical Advisory Committee discussed the proposed budget on its call in February.

The primary task of the FY 2008 MWAQC Work Program will be development of a fine particle (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) SIP by the April 2008 deadline. The PM<sub>2.5</sub> SIP will build on co-benefits from measures in the 8-hour ozone SIP.

The FY2008 work program maintains the MWAQC staff and its ability to conduct the tasks for SIP planning and transportation conformity. An increase of four percent is proposed for the core MWAQC work program. The increase will cover some of the costs that have risen in the past six years. With the proposed 4% increase, the core MWAQC work program budget is \$473,617. The proposed funding will maintain current staffing levels.

In addition, a budget for Local Government Initiatives, funded by COG local members, is \$88,353. The total funding proposed for FY2008 budget is \$561,968.

**Recommended Action:**

**VOTE to approve**

**Materials:**

MWAQC FY 2008 Work Program and Budget

**Item 4. Final Attainment Modeling Results**

**Presenter: Tom Ballou, Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality**

**Description:**

Mr. Ballou will present final attainment modeling results for the Washington, DC-MD-VA region. The latest modeling includes Virginia's CAIR rule that prohibits NOx trading in Northern Virginia, credits for Virginia's Portable Fuel Container (phase 2) rule, and excludes credit for the District's OTC rules. The model results predict that the Washington region will be within range of meeting the 8-hour ozone standard in 2009.

The Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) is performing further modeling to include additional new measures. The new modeling results will be available in March and will provide information to the states that need further measures to meet the 8-hour ozone standard by 2009.

**Recommended Action:**

Briefing

**Materials:**

Power point presentation

**Item 5. Contingency Planning**

**Presenter: Jeff King, DEP**

**Description:**

Staff will present the proposed approaches to meeting contingency plan requirements for the 8-hour ozone SIP for the Washington, DC region. Reductions from contingency measures must be above and beyond the reductions applied to demonstrate Reasonable Further Progress (RFP) and attainment, and reductions must be available no later than the year following EPA notification of any failure to meet RFP or attainment.

The Technical Advisory Committee reviewed two options to meet the contingency requirement for attainment. Staff will present the TAC recommendation.

**Recommended Action:**

Briefing

**Materials:**

Memo

**Item 6. SIP Schedule: Next Steps**

**Presenter: Joan Rohlfs, Chief, Air Quality Planning**

**Description:**

Ms. Rohlfs will review the status of the 8-hour ozone SIP and discuss the schedule for reviewing the draft SIP, approving it for public comment, reviewing comments and approving the SIP in May.

**Recommended Action:**

Briefing

**Materials:**

Presentation

**Item 7. D.C. Court of Appeals Ruling on 8-hour Ozone SIP**

**Presenter: Lee Ruck, General Counsel**

**Description:**

On December 21, 2006, the DC Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that EPA's 8-hour ozone implementation rule treats ozone nonattainment areas unequally and allows "backsliding" by nonattainment areas for the 1-hour standard. The court remanded the 2004 Rule back to EPA. Mr. Ruck will review the court's opinion and how it affects the Washington, DC-MD-VA nonattainment area.

**Recommended Action:**

Briefing

**Materials:**

Memo