

MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
April 10, 2018, 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Present:

Cecily Beall, District Department of Energy & Environment
Tom Ballou, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Doris McLeod, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Sonya Lewis-Cheatham, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Marcia Ways, Maryland Department of the Environment
Alex Brun, Maryland Department of the Environment
Chris Voigt, Virginia Department of Transportation
Norman Whitaker, Virginia Department of Transportation
Tina Casey, District Department of Transportation
Kary Snyder, Maryland Department of Transportation
Malcolm Watson, Fairfax County
Mike Lake, Fairfax County
John Morrill, Arlington County

Staff:

Sunil Kumar, COG/DEP
Jen Desimone, COG/DEP
Jeff King, COG/DEP
Jane Posey, COG/DTP
Dusan Vuksan, COG/DTP
JC Park, COG/DTP

1. Call to Order and Review of Meeting Summary

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

2. “What Can We Do” Measures

Sunil discussed the revised version of the “What Can We Do” analysis document. He discussed in detail of a number of NO_x emission control measures along with their costs and NO_x emission benefits, which are being developed as part of this analysis. This analysis is being undertaken to help the Washington region achieve no code orange or worse days. Sunil requested specifically to the staff from the local governments to provide their feedback and comments by April 13th.

3. EPA’s notice for proposal for revision of the light-duty vehicle Greenhouse gas standards for model years 2022-2025

Sunil discussed EPA’s notice for proposal for revision of the light-duty vehicle Greenhouse gas standards for model years 2022-2025. EPA administrator signed a notice and submitted it for publication in the Federal Register on April 2, 2018 providing its reconsideration of the final determination of the mid-term evaluation of the greenhouse gas emission standards for model year 2022-2025 light-duty vehicles. EPA determined in this notice that the current standards are based on outdated information and may be too stringent based on more recent information available to the agency. For this reason, EPA concluded that the standards should

be revised as appropriate. EPA also withdrew the previous Final Determination issued by the agency on January 12, 2017, with this notice. EPA, in partnership with the NHTSA, will initiate a notice and comment rulemaking in a future Federal Register to further consider appropriate standards for model year 2022-2025 light-duty vehicles. EPA made this updated finding due to the significant record that were developed since the January 2017 determination. EPA found that many of the key assumptions EPA relied upon in its January 2017 determination, including gas prices and the consumer acceptance of advanced technology vehicles, were optimistic or have significantly changed and thus no longer represent realistic assumptions.

Cecily Beall asked members if there needs to be an action on this issue by MWAQC. Sunil said that a joint MWAQC, CEEPC, and TPB letter was sent to EPA on this issue in September 2017. COG staff is not recommending any action now until EPA proposes a revised standard in a future Federal Register.

4. State & Local Updates

Maryland and Virginia did not have any updates. Cecily Beall said that the District's draft VW mitigation plan would be revised following the receipt of public comments on the plan. John Morrill mentioned that there was a push back from drivers for deploying anti-idling vehicle technologies in Arlington.

5. Adjourn

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am.