

Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: September 27, 2006

Time: 12:00 pm– 2:00 pm

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

*Lunch will be available for members at 11:30 a.m.

AGENDA

- 12:00 1. Call to Order; Public Comment Period**
- 12:05 2. Approval of Minutes, Announcements, Chairman's Report**
- 12:10 3. 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)**
- 12:25 4. Ozone Season 2006 Summary**
- 12:45 5. Air Quality Plan (SIP) Status**
- 12:55 6. State Regulatory Initiatives: Report**
- 1:30 7. Local Government Initiatives: Survey**
- 1:40 8. Air Quality Town Hall: October 19, 5 -7 pm**
- 1:45 9. State Air Agencies' Report**
- 1:50 10. Other Business**
- 2:00 11. Date for Next Meeting and Adjourn**

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

Presenter: Hon. Phil Mendelson, MWAQC Chair

Description:

Chair will call for approval of Meeting Summary for July 26, 2006, and for amendments to the agenda.

Recommended Action:

Approve minutes

Item: 3. Committee Reports

**Presenter: Jim Sydnor, Chair, Technical Advisory Committee
 Jill Engel-Cox, Chair, AQPAC
 Harriet West, Clean Air Partners
 Tad Aburn, MDE**

Description:

Members will provide updates on recent committee activities.

Recommended Action:

Briefing

Item: 4. Ozone Season Summary

Presenter: Jen Desimone, COG DEP and Clean Air Partners

Description:

In the Washington area the ozone season runs from May to September. Although air quality has improved over the past ten years, the Washington region still experiences many days during the summer when air quality exceeds the health standard. Daily air quality forecasts are posted on the COG website along with tips to protect health and reduce air pollution. Ms. Desimone will compare the 2006 ozone season to those of past years. Daily forecasts and air quality information are found at www.mwcog/environment/air and www.cleanairpartners.net .

Recommended Action:

Briefing

Materials:

The following document can be found at:

http://www.mwcog.org/environment/committee/committee/documents.asp?COMMITTEE_ID=14

Ozone Season Summary

Item 5: Air Quality Plan (SIP) Status

Presenter: Joan Rohlfs, Chief, Air Quality Planning

Description:

Ms. Rohlfs will discuss development of the 8-hour ozone air quality plan (SIP). Due to coordination of modeling between Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality with other modeling centers in the Ozone Transport Region, there have been some delays in attainment modeling for the Washington region. Final attainment modeling results are expected in mid-October. The modeling results will be included in the draft air quality plan that will be submitted to MWAQC for approval for public hearing in January. Public hearings will be held in March and final approval of the SIP is expected in April.

Recommended Action:

Briefing & Discussion

Materials:

The following document can be found at:

http://www.mwcog.org/environment/committee/committee/documents.asp?COMMITTEE_ID=14

SIP Schedule

Item 6. State Regulatory Initiatives

Presenter: Tad Aburn, MDE; James E. Sydnor, VDEQ; Stan Tracey, DCDOE

Description:

The state air agency directors will discuss their regulatory initiatives for the new 8-hour ozone SIP. The initiatives include the Clean Air Interstate Rules, the MD Healthy Air Act, and model rules adopted by the Ozone Transport Commission.

Recommended Action:

Briefing

Materials:

None.

Item 7. Local Government Voluntary Initiatives

Presenter: Jeff King, Environmental Planner

Description:

Staff will present results of a survey taken over the past several months to gather data from local governments. The program data being collected will be used to document local government program programs and commitments to reduce pollution-forming emissions. Staff will discuss the process for making a commitment to a measure and putting it in the air quality plan (SIP).

Recommended Action:

Briefing

Materials:

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Survey

Item 8. Air Quality Town Hall: October 19, 5 pm – 7 pm

Presenter: Jill Engel Cox, Chair, AQPAC

Description:

The Air Quality Public Advisory Committee will host an Air Quality Town Hall meeting on October 19, 5 pm – 7 pm, at COG. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss measures to control air pollution in the future. A panel of speakers representing the American Lung Association, the Edison Electric Institute and others will discuss their responses to the region's air quality challenges.

Recommended Action:

Materials:

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Meeting Announcement

Item 9. State Air Agency Report

Presenter: Air Directors

Description:

The State Air Agencies will provide an update on air quality programs in the states.

Recommended Action:

None

Materials:

None

Item 10. New EPA PM Standards

Presenter: Sunil Kumar, COG DEP

Description:

On September 21, 2006, EPA announced new National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for fine particle pollution. Mr. Kumar will provide a summary of the final rule and implications for SIP development in this region.

Recommended Action:

None

Materials:

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Presentation
EPA Fact Sheet