



METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE - AND - CLIMATE, ENERGY, AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY COMMITTEE

September 26, 2018
10:00 A.M. – 12:15 P.M.
Walter A. Scheiber Board Room

MWAQC Chair: Hans Riemer, Montgomery County
CEEPC Chair: Mary Lehman, Prince George's County

AGENDA

10:00 A.M. 1. CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS, APPROVE MINUTES, CHAIRS' REMARKS
Hans Riemer, Montgomery County
Mary Lehman, Prince George's County

10:10 A.M. 2. 2018 AIR AND CLIMATE REGULATORY UPDATE
Deron Lovaas, Natural Resources Defense Council
Tom Ballou, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Cecily Beall, District Department of Environment
Brian Hug, Maryland Department of Environment

Mr. Lovass will provide an update on the status of federal air, climate, and energy regulations with an emphasis on U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient (SAFE) Rule and the Affordable Clean Energy (ACE) Rule. State agencies will be asked to discuss if/how the shifts in federal policy are influencing state initiatives and responses.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing and discuss implications for regional air and climate action planning.

11:10 A.M. 3. JOINT LETTERS TO EPA ON SAFE AND ACE RULES
Sunil Kumar, COG Department of Environmental Programs
Tim Masters, COG Department of Environmental Programs

Mr. Kumar and Mr. Masters will present draft comment letters to the U.S. EPA on the SAFE and ACE rules. The letter on SAFE is proposed to be submitted together by MWAQC, CEEPC, and the Transportation Planning Board (TPB). The letter on ACE is proposed for joint submission by MWAQC and CEEPC. Public comments are due to the EPA in October.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing. Review, discuss, and approve comment letters.

11:40 A.M. 4. MWAQC LETTER TO TPB ON TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY

*Jane Posey, COG Department of Transportation Planning
Steve Walz, COG Director of Environmental Programs*

Ms. Posey and Mr. Walz will brief MWAQC members on the air quality conformity analysis of the Visualize 2045 Long Range Plan and FY2019-2024 Transportation Improvement Program. Members will be asked to approve a comment letter, which will be submitted to the Transportation Planning Board in October.

Recommended Action: Receive briefing. Review, discuss, and approve comment letter.

12:00 P.M. 5. MEMBER AND STAFF UPDATES

MWAQC and CEEPC members share updates on policies, programs, or initiatives that may be of interest to the group. COG staff will share updates on committee projects.

12:15 P.M. 6. ADJOURN

MWAQC will host a strategic planning session to coincide with the December 19, 2018 meeting. In preparation for the planning session, members will receive a survey in November, following election day.

The next CEEPC meeting is scheduled for November 14, 2018 and will be celebrating ten years since the adoption of the National Capitol Region Climate Change Report that established the regional greenhouse gas emission reduction goals!

Call-in and Web Conferencing Information:

(650) 479-3207 | [WebEx Webinar Link](#)

Meeting #: 640 273 772 | Web Password: JointMeeting

Meeting Documents:

<https://www.mwcog.org/events/2018/09/26/joint-meeting-of-the-metropolitan-washington-air-quality-committee-mwaqc-and-the-climate-energy-and-environment-committee-ceepc/>