

**MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee**  
**1-Page Summary of Policy-Relevant Issues September 8 Meeting**

Key policy-relevant issues discussed at the September 8 meeting are summarized below.

1. SIP Status Report

- EPA reports that it intends to approve the Rate of Progress portion of the 8-hour ozone SIP by late November/early December. EPA will propose an adequacy finding for the ROP motor vehicle emissions budgets for 2008. The Attainment Demonstration cannot be approved until Virginia and Maryland complete pending regulatory commitments. EPA also intends to take action on the fine particle SIP and associated mobile budgets even though the region is currently not required to submit a SIP due to EPA's approval of the Clean Data Request.

2. Air Quality Impacts of Renewable Fuel Standard

- EPA proposed phase 2 of a Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS-2). RFS-2 increases the mandate for renewable fuel from 10 to 36 billion gallons by 2022. TAC members agreed on a draft comment letter expressing concern about the air quality impact of increased use of biofuels. The public comment period ends September 25.

3. Transition to MOVES Model

- An interagency task force has been formed to address the transition to the new model. COG DEP and DTP staff are coordinating to identify issues with any of the new model inputs that may be required. EPA will require use of the new model for SIP development purposes.

4. Conformity Results

- TPB has completed a revised conformity analysis for the 2009 CLRP and 2010-2015 TIP, responding to project changes identified by MDOT and DDOT. TPB is scheduled to act on the determination in October.

5. Proposed Revised NO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS

- EPA is proposing to establish a new more stringent NAAQS for NO<sub>2</sub>. EPA is considering changing the form of the standard from an annual standard to a 1-hour standard that would be more protective of public health. EPA is considering a range of 1-hour levels from 80-100 ppb, and as low as 65 ppb to as high as 150 ppb. EPA is also proposing a road side monitoring requirement. MWAQC will consider a draft comment letter in September.

6. Ozone Season Update

- To date, there have been 4 days exceeding the ozone standard: June 8, June 25, June 26, and August 27. The highest concentration of 85 ppb was measured at McMillan reservoir on June 8. Based on preliminary data, the ozone design value for 2007-2009 is 80 ppb.

Upcoming Meetings:

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