

Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: July 26, 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 Report: May-July**
- 12:35 5. Need for Control Measures- Washington Region**
- 12:50 6. IAQC Recommended Core Control Strategy (ACTION)**
- 1:10 7. Resolution: Local Government Voluntary Measures (ACTION)**
- 1:20 8. Mobile Budgets Proposal (ACTION)**
- 1:40 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 May 24, 2006, and for amendments to the agenda.

Recommended Action:

Approve minutes

Item: 4. Ozone Season Report: May-July

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 report on the air quality action days that have occurred to date. 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

Item 5: Need for Control Measures: Washington Region

Presenter: Joan Rohlfs, Chief, Air Quality Planning

Description:

Ms. Rohlfs will discuss the evidence for the Washington region's ability to meet the new ozone standard by 2009. The evidence includes photochemical modeling that projects future pollution levels at individual monitors in the region. She will discuss the process for selecting control measures and how these measures contribute to improving air quality and to the SIP. Ms. Rohlfs will discuss the schedule for reviewing a draft SIP and inviting public input and comment.

Recommended Action:

Briefing & Discussion

Materials:

The following document can be found at:

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Item 6. IAQC Recommended Core Control Strategy

Presenter: Tad Aburn, MDE

Description:

The Interstate Air Quality Council (IAQC) met on Monday, July 17, to recommend core control measures for the Washington region. Tad Aburn, Air Director, Maryland Dept. of the Environment, will present the IAQC recommendations to MWAQC.

Recommended Action:

VOTE to approve/endorse core control strategy

Materials:

The following document can be found at:

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

Item 7. Resolution: Local Government Voluntary Measures

**Presenter: Joan Rohlfs, Chief, Air Quality Planning
Jeff King, Environmental Planner**

Description:

Staff will present preliminary information about voluntary measures being adopted by local governments in the region. The Local Government Initiatives Subcommittee developed a list of potential air quality program commitments for local governments in the region. Staff will discuss the process for making a commitment to a measure and putting it in the air quality plan (SIP).

Recommended Action:

VOTE: Resolution #

Materials:

The following documents can be found at:

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Item 8. Mobile Budgets Proposal

Presenter: Joan Rohlfs, Chief, Air Quality Planning

Description:

The air quality plan (SIP) includes an emissions inventory for the attainment year 2009. In June the inventory was completed when the mobile inventories for 2009 developed. Once approved by EPA, the 2008 and 2009 mobile inventories will serve as mobile “budgets.” The budgets are used as benchmarks to determine if the region’s constrained long range transportation plan (CLRP) and six year transportation improvements program (TIP) conform with the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. Under EPA regulations the projected mobile source emissions for 2009 become the mobile emissions budgets for the region unless MWAQC takes actions to set another budget level.

Recommended Action:

VOTE to approve

Materials:

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