

MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
November 17, 2017, 10:00 AM to 11:25 AM

Present:

Cecily Beall, District Department of Energy & Environment
Ram Tangirala, District Department of Energy & Environment
Alexandra Catena, 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
Alex Brun, Maryland Department of the Environment
Kary Snyder, Maryland Department of Transportation
Ujjval Shukla, Maryland Department of Transportation
Chris Voigt, Virginia Department of Transportation
Regina Moore, Virginia Department of Transportation
Tina Casey, District Department of Transportation
Khoa Trans, Fairfax County

Staff:

Sunil Kumar, COG/DEP
Steve Walz, COG/DEP
Jeff King, COG/DEP
Jen Desimone, COG/DEP
Amanda Campbell, COG/DEP
Jane Posey, COG/DTP

1. Call to Order and Review of Meeting Summary

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

2. Draft 2008 Ozone NAAQS Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan

Sunil discussed the comments received from EPA and Sierra Club as part of the public comment process. Tom and Doris said that Chris Cripps from EPA sent them a few citations for the non-CTG RACT requirements for redesignation. Staff agreed to incorporate these citations and then send the two documents to VDEQ legal staff for their review. Regarding the response to Sierra Club's comment on the impact of climate change on ozone levels, Steve suggested to include actions taken by the District and Maryland in addition to Virginia. VDEQ is in touch with EPA staff to get some clarifications on the requirements for contingency measures for the Maintenance Plan.

3. APAC Proposed Scope of Work for Qualitative Analysis of Local Measures

Amanda summarized the scope of work for the "What could We Do" analysis. Doris said that NOx emission reduction is more important for ozone reduction compared to VOC reduction. It is very difficult to find significant NOx emission reduction from local measures. Tom asked lot of these measures are already in the regional action plan so what is this additional analysis going to do. Steve said the goal is to go beyond the regional action plan. Cecily asked if there will be a quantitative analysis. Amanda said ACPAC is currently not looking at the quantitative analysis. Ram asked if the analysis would be funded from the MWAQC budget. Steve said that it could be funded entirely out of the MWCQ budget or a new founding could

be requested. At this time, staff is taking a stage by stage approach. Ram suggested focusing on the on-road and off-road sectors. OTC is looking for opportunities in other sectors. Steve said ACPAC is looking across the board. Kary Snyder said that MDOT will support additional funding only if additional measures are analyzed. For the existing measures, existing MWAQC budget should be sufficient. Ram said from January 2018 onwards, staff could work on this analysis.

4. EPA Proposal to Repeal Clean Power Plan

Sunil briefed members on the EPA proposal to repeal the Clean Power Plan. Steve said staff is proposing a joint comment letter for MWAQC, CEEPC, and CBWRC on this issue. The letter would not cover the issue of statutory authority which EPA is seeking comments on. Instead, it would focus on the emission reduction from the CPP repeal and how it would impact the ozone levels in the future. The letter would not mention the specific ozone benefits due to the lack of modeling. Staff is seeking opinion on this from the committee members. Alex Brun said MDE staff would need to talk to the Governor's office before giving feedback on this. Tom Ballou said he would have also need to talk to the higher-ups. He suggested sending a draft letter to states for review.

5. Update on TPB Comment Letter for Retention of PBPP GHG Measures

Jane Posey summarized the comment letter. The letter supports the retention of GHG measures in the PBPP.

6. Update on 2018 MWAQC-TAC Stakeholder Appointment Process

Sunil briefed members on the appointment process for the four MWAQC-TAC stakeholders for 2018. He requested members to spread the word about it.

7. State & Local Updates

Cecily said that the District was working on the issue of the VW mitigation plan. Alex talked about the Section 126 petition and the Section 176 petition to EPA. While EPA has not taken any decision on the first, it denied the second one in November 2017. Tom said Virginia Air Pollution Control Board approved the proposed carbon emission trading. VDEQ also issued an RFP for the EV infrastructure for VW mitigation fund.

8. Adjourn

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.