## COVID-19 IMPACT ON ENERGY CONSUMPTION AND EMISSIONS -JULY UPDATE

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# **COVID-10, ENERGY USE & EMISSIONS**

- Update from May 27, CEEPC meeting
- High-level estimate = 5.4% annualized reduction
- Reduced operation of businesses, institutions, and governments since early March
  - Gradual opening at various stages across the metro region
- Schools
  - Not all districts have released plans
  - Most moving toward 100% online to start fall semester
- Traffic limited regional data since June 26
  - DC region at 18% reduction for June 20-26



#### On-Road Sector



Source: Washington metro area chart is based on data extracted from INRIX U.S. National Traffic Volume Synopsis Issues



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• Heavy-duty vehicle traffic became slightly higher than normal after mid-April. Rest of the vehicle traffic continues to increase after a decrease during mid-March to mid April. Source: VDOT



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- Assume 40% average weekly reduction in traffic volume in the metropolitan Washington region
- Assume March 20 June 26 29% of the year
- 2020 BAU on-road sector emissions = 20,515,631 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e
- Annualized Reduction = 20,515,631 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e x 40% x 29%
- Annualized Reduction =  $2,379,813 \text{ MtCO}_2\text{e} = 12\%$

BAU emissions from COG BAU projections revised May 2020



## ELECTRICITY

- PJM Electric generation March 24 to July 14
  - Weekday peak about 10% less than anticipated
  - Average energy about 7.9% less than anticipated



Source: PJM: Estimated Impact of COVID-19 on Daily Peak & Energy. Downloaded 7/21/2020



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## ELECTRICITY

- Assume 7.9% average daily reduction in electricity use in the PJM
- Assume March 24 July 14– 30% of the year
- 2020 BAU electric sector emissions = 23,174,811 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e
- Annualized Reduction = 23,174,811 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e x 7.9% x 30%
- Annualized Reduction = 549,243 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e = 2.4%

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# **COMMERCIAL AVIATION**

#### Flight tracking statistics Total number of flights tracked by Flightradar24, per day (UTC time), last 180 days. $\equiv$ 250,000 200,000 hber of flights Monday, Jul 13, 2020 150,000 • 7-day moving average: 142 989 Number of flights: 147 301 100,000 Nun @flightradar24 50.000 0 7.Feb 3.400 1. May 27. 491 Sil 20.101 -Nor 8.100 Nat - 7-day moving average Number of flights Number of commercial flights tracked by Flightradar24, per day (UTC time), last 180 days = 125,000 Reset zoom 100,000 Number of flights 75,000 Monday, Jul 13, 2020 7-day moving average: 60 759 Number of flights: 61 372 50,000 @flightradar2 25,000 0 3.500 17. Feb 11.6424 2. Mar 27.08 A24 22.14 6.10 0.13 7-day moving average Number of flights

Source: Flightradar24.com, Latest News, JULY 21, 2020



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# **COMMERCIAL AVIATION**

- 7-day average number of commercial flights (worldwide)
  - March 7 = 103,987; May 11 = 32,198; July 20 = 63,318
  - Assume percent drop = 65%
- Assume March 20 July 20 33% of the year
- 2020 BAU aircraft sector emissions = 2,193,230 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e
- Annualized Reduction = 2,193,230 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e x 65% x 33%
- Annualized Reduction = 470,488 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e = 21%

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## **OTHER SECTORS**

- Assume no change in other sectors
  - Stationary building fuel combustion (data unavailable)
  - Rail transportation (data unavailable)
  - Off-road vehicles (data unavailable)
  - Water and wastewater (small net change)
  - Agriculture (data unavailable)
  - Solid waste (small net change; limited data)
  - Process and fugitive emissions (data unavailable)



## IMPACT ON GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

- Transportation + Electric Generation + Aviation
  - Reduction = 2,379,813 + 549,243 + 470,488 = 3,399,504 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e
  - Assume 2020 BAU total emissions = 63,275,113 MtCO<sub>2</sub>e
  - Annualized reductions of BAU GHG emissions = 5.4% BAU emissions from COG BAU projections revised May 2020
- Nature Climate Change 5/19/20 4% reduction estimate if pre-pandemic conditions return by mid-June

https://www.nature.com/articles/s41558-020-0797-x



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