

Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee

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Resolution to Implement Local Measures to Control Emissions as Soon as Possible

Adopted _____

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) was certified in 1992 by the governors of Maryland and Virginia, and the mayor of the District of Columbia to develop a regional ground-level ozone control strategy for the Washington, DC-MD-VA non-attainment area; and

WHEREAS, the Washington, DC-MD-VA metropolitan region continues to experience record levels of ground-level ozone that exceed the 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS); and

WHEREAS, the Washington, DC-MD-VA metropolitan region is classified as a moderate nonattainment area for the 8-hour ozone standard and is required to submit a revision to the region's state implementation plan (SIP) by June 15, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the states have committed to adopt and implement control measures beyond those explicitly required by the Clean Air Act to attain the eight-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS); and

WHEREAS, these measures include controls on both emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and nitrogen oxides (NO_x); and

WHEREAS, MWAQC has investigated a broad range of measures for attainment, including short-term measures to attain the 8-hour ozone standard in 2009 and long-term approaches that go beyond traditional control measures; and

WHEREAS, MWAQC identified innovative approaches to reduce emissions through public policy initiatives such as purchase of wind power and environmental performance contracting listed in Table 1; and

WHEREAS, the measures identified in Table 1 have the potential to provide additional emission reductions to attain the 8-hour ozone NAAQS, and to reduce eight-hour ozone levels which have been shown to produce detrimental human health effects;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE METROPOLITAN
WASHINGTON AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE:**

That MWAQC will evaluate and, when appropriate, develop expeditious local, state and regional implementation strategies for measures including but not limited to those listed in Table 1. Implementation strategies should be designed to achieve emission reductions as quickly as possible.

Table 1

School Bus and Other Diesel Engine Retrofits

Wind Energy Purchases

Renewable Portfolio Standards

LED Traffic Signal Retrofits

Alternative Vehicle Purchases

Low-VOC Paints

Energy Performance Contracting (Solar for Schools)

Airports Voluntary Emission Reduction Agreements

U.S. Green Building Council's Guidelines for Energy and Design Standards (Green Building Codes)

Tree Planting and Urban Heat Island Mitigation

Enhanced Enforcement – Idling (Bus and Truck)

Cash for Clunkers Lawn and Garden Equipment Programs

Best Practices in Production and Application of Traffic Markings, Asphalt, and Pesticides

Environmental Performance Contracting (Construction, Landscaping)

Additional Transportation Measures such as, but not limited to:

1. Smart Growth and Transit Oriented Development
2. Expansion of the Transit System to New Locations
3. Expanded Commuter Choice and Telecommuting Programs
4. Enhanced Bicycle and Pedestrian Access to Transit Stations