

**MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee**  
**1-Page Summary of Policy-Relevant Issues November 17, 2008 Meeting**

**Key policy-relevant issues discussed at the November 17 meeting are summarized below.**

Clean Data Determination

- On October 22, EPA proposed a Clean Data Determination for the metropolitan Washington region. Monitors in the region show that the area is attaining the 1997 NAAQS for fine particles. If finalized, this action will suspend the SIP planning requirements for the region. The next step would be to prepare a redesignation request and maintenance plan, and/or submit an approvable SIP. There is no deadline for action.

CAIR Vacatur

- The U.S. Court of Appeals has asked that the parties submit briefs responding to a question about whether the petitioners desire the vacatur of CAIR.
- States are continuing to work to identify a substitute measure to CAIR for the ozone, fine particle, and regional haze SIPs.

PM Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan

- States have been working with EPA to discuss issues related to a possible PM Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan. Issues being addressed include options for attainment base, interim, and outyear planning milestones and how to address PM<sub>2.5</sub> direct emissions in a maintenance plan, including outyear mobile source budgets.

COG Climate Change Report

- The COG Board approved the final draft of the Climate Change Report on November 12. The final report will be completed and distributed in December.
- The Climate Change Steering Committee will continue until March, focusing on developing a work program and recommending advocacy positions for the upcoming legislative sessions.

Conformity Analysis for the 2008 CLRP and 2009-2014 TIP

- On November 19, TPB is schedule to act on the conformity analysis for the 2008 CLRP and 2009-2014 TIP. The analysis was revised after the initial draft in July had to be modified to account for issues with funding from the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission. All projected emission levels for all milestone years are below both the interim tests/budgets as well as the proposed new motor vehicle emissions budgets in the recent ozone and fine particle SIPs.

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) in SIPs

- Staff have been working on developing a protocol for inclusion of EERE projects in future SIPs. Local governments have advanced such programs for inclusion in the voluntary bundle or weight of evidence in the ozone and fine particle plans. New state-level energy efficiency programs are being developed which would provide greater emission reduction potential. States are considering adjusting future emission inventory projections to account for the benefits of the energy efficiency programs. Staff have also requested that the state public utility commissions require annual report of energy efficiency program data at the county level and by measure type.

Ozone Season Summary

- There have been 16 exceedance days this season, including 3 code red days. The highest concentration was 112 ppb on July 17 at the Aurora Hills monitor.
- There have been 3 possible exceedances of the new daily 35 ug/m<sup>3</sup> PM NAAQS, on June 14, July 18, and July 29. The exceedances may have been influenced by forest fires in North Carolina so could be categorized as an exceptional event.

Upcoming Meetings

AQPAC November 17

Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) November 19

TPB November 19

MWAQC December 10