

Policy Summary - MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee (July 11/20, 2017)

Key policy-relevant issues discussed at the July 11/20 meetings of the MWAQC-TAC are summarized below.

2008 Ozone NAAQS Redesignation Request & Maintenance Plan

Members reviewed and discussed in detail the 2008 ozone NAAQS RR/MP. Staff discussed the timeline, draft emissions inventory, and mobile budgets. DOEE staff indicated that changes may be made to the District of Columbia's area and marine/airport/railroad emissions inventories as technical corrections as part of the public comment process. The committee recommended the plan to MWAQC for its review and approval for public comments in the July 26th meeting.

Environmental Justice Tool-Kit

Members discussed the draft EJ tool-kit and provided a few comments, which are incorporated in the tool-kit now.

Ozone Season Summary

COG staff presented a summary of the ozone season data for this year. There have been eight (8) code orange days for ozone and zero (0) such day for fine particles thus far in the season. The ozone design value of the Washington region is 72 ppb, which is higher compared to the current 2015 ozone standard (70 ppb).

Air Quality Trends report

COG staff is working on developing a trends report for the six criteria pollutants, namely, ozone, Particulate matter (PM_{2.5}, PM₁₀), CO, SO₂, NO₂, and Lead. This report will demonstrate progress made towards improving air quality in the Washington region and the status of the region with respect to the standards for the above pollutants. Members provided comments on the report, which are currently being incorporated.