

MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee
1-Page Summary of Policy-Relevant Issues
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Key policy-relevant issues discussed at the October 14 TAC meeting are summarized below.

Attainment Modeling

- The Attainment Modeling Subcommittee has completed a draft protocol and is still awaiting EPA guidance.
- Virginia DEQ is doing base-case modeling and model verification. Future base case and control strategy sensitivity runs are needed.
- Episodes have been selected for the Washington region. The model will evaluate 54 days in 3 episodes to reflect a full range of conditions.
- 2009 controlled inventories are needed, and decisions are needed on what control scenarios to evaluate. The region will also need to decide what factors to consider in developing weight of evidence.

Control Measures

- OTC has established workgroups to develop new control strategies. The workgroups are focused on stationary/area source RACT, EGU multipollutant controls, and clean corridors.
- Currently the OTC priority measures are: RACTs for ICI boilers, MSW Combustion, Refineries; Distributed Generation Controls; Peaking Unit Controls; Clean Corridors; Regional Fuels Program; Home Heating Oil Sulfur Standards; AIMS Rule Phase II; Consumer Products Rule Phase II; Open Burning Restrictions; Residential Wood Burning Program; and the Multi-Pollutant Program.
- Model rules and MOUs would be finalized for the June 2006 OTC meeting.
- An MWAQC Control Measures Workshop will be held on October 26.

Emissions Inventory

- Inputs for the analysis of emissions from mobile sources were finalized.
- Integrated Planning Model (IPM) results provided to states are being reviewed.
- VOC and ammonia will be included in the emissions inventories for PM.

PM2.5 Conformity

- For this year's PM conformity determination, the TPB will use a simplified seasonal approach.
- A joint workgroup finalized the meteorological and fuel parameter inputs for the SIP and conformity analyses for PM.
- Draft results will be released for public comment at the November TPB meeting.
- The determination must be approved by April to avoid a lapse.