

**MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**November 9, 2022, 2 PM to 3 PM**

**Present:**

Roger Thunell, Maryland Department of the Environment  
Alexander Paulos, District Department of Energy & Environment  
Catherine Salarano, Maryland Department of the Environment  
Dan Goldberg, George Washington University  
Demetra McBride, Arlington County  
Doris McLeod, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
John Kinsman, Edison Electric Institute  
Joseph Jakuta, District Department of Energy & Environment  
Kari Snyder, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Malcolm Watson, Fairfax County Department of Transportation  
Mathew Gaskin, District Department of Transportation  
Mohamed Khan, Maryland Department of the Environment  
Regina Moore, Virginia Department of Transportation  
Richard Dooley, Arlington County  
Sonya Lewis-Cheatham, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Thomas Foster, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Tom Ballou, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Tad Aburn

**Staff:**

Sunil Kumar, COG/DEP  
Dusan Vuksan, COG/DTP  
Erin Morrow, COG/DTP  
Jane Posey, COG/DTP  
Jeff King, COG/DEP  
Jen Desimone, COG/DEP  
Jinchul Park, COG/DTP  
Mark Moran, COG/DTP  
Tim Masters, COGDEP  
Wanda Owens, COG/DTP  
Leah Boggs, COG/DEP

**1. Call to Order and Review of Meeting Summary**

Chair Roger Thunell called the meeting to order at 2 pm. The October 11<sup>th</sup> meeting summary was approved with Tad's comments included.

**2. Update on Ozone Planning**

a. Proposal to EPA on the methodology for updating the 2008 ozone NAAQS maintenance plan - Sunil talked about the message sent to EPA R3 that had details on the proposed methodology for updating the 2008 ozone NAAQS maintenance plan. Only nonroad and onroad inventories will be updated for 2025 and 2030 using the MOVE3 model. There won't be any changes to the base year 2014 inventory and point and non-point invent

b. States' letter requesting early Clean Data Determination and a guidance document for contingency measures – Sunil discussed a template letter for states to use for requesting EPA an early CDD and a guidance document for contingency measures. States informed members that the state-specific letters will soon be signed by appropriate authorities for sending to EPA and a copy will be sent to COG.

c. Schedule for updating the 2008 ozone NAAQS maintenance plan – Sunil briefed members on the proposed schedule for updating the 2008 ozone NAAQS maintenance plan. Jane asked states if they will be able to send MOVES3 inputs by the date indicated on the schedule. State staff expressed confidence in meeting that deadline.

### **3. COG's EJ & Equity Issues**

Leah Bogs briefed members on ACPAC's plans to review and update the region's EJ Toolkit. She talked about COG's Equity Emphasis Areas, Government Alliance on Race and Equity (GARE), Racial Equity Learning Series, and Chief Equity Officers Committee. She also talked about ACPAC's first version of EJ tool adopted in 2017 and the plan to update it by November 2023. Doris asked why energy costs more in EJ areas. Leah said that one of the reasons could be that houses are relatively less energy efficient in those areas. Also, utilities have different costs that are being applied to EJ areas. Tad asked if the toolkit update will include issues related to zoning and land use decisions. Leah said that conversion is currently up for discussion at ACPAC and it will likely be a part for the update. Tad asked if the two letters (sent by Tad and Dr. Wilson) will be forwarded to MWAQC-TAC members. Roger said that those issues are being addressed by the COG Board and until the guidance comes out from the Board, MWAQC-TAC is not prepared to receive public comments and address those issues at this time. Jeff said that staff acknowledged the receipt of the letter, which just came this morning, and we need to wait to get the guidance from the Board.

### **4. State/Local Updates**

Roger said that Maryland is continuing to rewrite and redo land use regulation. A letter to EPA for an early CDD request is in the process of being signed and should go out sometime early next week. Maryland also sent a draft write-up for the 2015 ozone standard attainment plan to EPA last Friday. This is to make sure Maryland is not missing any really big, required elements and to get feedback from EPA. Jeff said that we were under the impression that the Washington region would be way behind the schedule for submitting attainment SIP given we would be relying on the schedule of the Baltimore and Philly regions and MDE's process, but it sounds like we wouldn't have to wait. Roger said that the preparing all the inventories is still not an easy process. He also mentioned that Maryland received a grant for monitoring at 3 EJ communities. Joseph said that a press releases came out saying that the District and its partners have received a community air quality monitoring grant for installing 3 air quality monitors communities as directed by the board of advocates and others such as, EJ communities. A short film that results from this endeavor will tell who were impacted negatively and how in terms of air quality.