

## **MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee 1-Page Summary of Policy-Relevant Issues April 10, 2007**

Key policy-relevant issues discussed at the April 10 meeting are summarized below.

### 8-Hour Ozone SIP

- MWAQC approved the draft SIP for public comment on March 15. The SIP is posted on COG's website. Public hearings on the 8-hour ozone SIP will be held in April. The hearings will be held on the following dates and times: Maryland on April 23, 2007 at 6pm; Virginia on April 24 and 26, 2007 at 1:30 and 6:30pm, and the District of Columbia on April 25, 2007 at 6 pm.

### PM2.5 SIP Development

- EPA released its PM SIP implementation rule in March. The SIP for meeting the annual PM2.5 standard is due in April 2008. The current schedule has the draft SIP to MWAQC in December 2007 with public hearings in February 2008.
- The SIP must include 2002 and 2009 emission inventories, control measures, contingency measures, and an attainment demonstration. Mobile budgets will also be established for 2009.
- The SIP must cover direct PM, and the precursors NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub>. Ammonia and VOCs may also be considered precursors if the states or EPA determine they are significant.

### Conformity Subcommittee

- The Conformity Subcommittee prepared a draft comment letter on TPB's proposed scope of work for demonstrating conformity for the 2007 CLRP and 2008-2013 TIP. The letter states that MWAQC supports the proposed scope of work. The letter also states that additional precursors may need to be included in future analyses depending on significance findings by the states.

### Local Government Initiatives

- The March 2007 Evaluation Report has been completed and will be submitted to EPA Region III. The annual reports indicate that the region has met or exceeded all of the commitments made in the 1-hour ozone SIP.

### Environmental Impact Statement for Base Realignment and Closure at Ft. Belvoir

- The Army has released an Environmental Impact Statement for Base Realignment and Closure at Ft. Belvoir. The analysis indicates that the highest emissions from the project will be in 2010 as a result of construction emissions. The local area around Ft. Belvoir will experience higher traffic levels, but the overall regional impact of all BRAC actions on transportation emissions is expected to be negligible.
- The public comment period ends on May 1.

### COG Climate Change Initiative

- The COG Board adopted a resolution at its April 11 meeting establishing a regional Climate Change Steering Committee. The steering committee will have one year to handle several items including developing regional inventories, considering reduction targets or other policies, and to evaluate potential impacts. The committee will be appointed by the COG Board chair.

### State Air Agency Update

- The Maryland legislature passed CAL LEV II.
- The District is finalizing its CAIR and OTC VOC regulations. Cecilly Beall was named Air Director and Program Manager for the District Department of the Environment air agency.
- The Virginia Air Pollution Control Board approved the State's Transportation Conformity Rule.

### Upcoming Events

- AQPAC. April 16.
- Public Hearings. Week of April 23.