

**MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee  
Meeting Summary  
February 12, 10:05 AM to 11:40 AM**

**Present:**

Cecily Beall, District Department of the Environment  
Jessica Daniels, District Department of the Environment  
Ram Tangirala, District Department of the Environment  
Tom Ballou, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Doris McLeod, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Elizabeth Gayne, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Sonya Lewis-Cheatham, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Chuck Turner, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Austina Casey, District Department of Transportation  
Diane Franks, Maryland Department of the Environment  
Brian Hug, Maryland Department of the Environment  
Randy Carroll, Maryland Department of the Environment  
David Krask, Maryland Department of the Environment  
Jennifer Hains, Maryland Department of the Environment  
Kanti Srikanth, Virginia Department of Transportation  
Jim Ponticello, Virginia Department of Transportation  
Chris Voigt, Virginia Department of Transportation  
Barbara Hardy, Fairfax County Department of Health  
Walter Seedlock, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority  
Gwen Kennedy, Loudoun County  
Monica Backmon, Prince William County  
Khoa Tran, City of Alexandria  
Flint Webb (Substitute for Ana Prados), Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

**Staff:**

Sunil Kumar, COG/DEP  
Joan Rohlf, COG/DEP  
Jeff King, COG/DEP  
Jane Posey, COG/DTP

**1. Call to Order and Review of Meeting Summary (January 15, 2013)**

Cecily Beall called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. The January 15, 2013 meeting summary was approved without any changes.

The group agreed to add two additional updates in the item #4 of the agenda to accommodate a discussion on the newly approved ozone mobile budgets and provide an update on the “Gold Book”.

**2. Update on EPA’s Tier 3 Rule**

Sunil Kumar provided an update on the status of EPA’s Tier 3 rule. He summarized the implications of the rule for emissions reduction from cars and light-duty trucks as well as low sulfur requirements in gasoline. He outlines the schedule thus far for this rule. He then discussed the MWAQC letter addressed to the Acting Administrator, EPA supporting the rule and urging for proposing and finalizing the rule as soon as possible to tackle current ozone and future tighter fine particle standards. Kanti suggested a few changes to the letter. He suggested mentioning both current annual and daily fine particle design values

for the region the second paragraph and replacing the word “Passenger” with “Onroad” in the letter. The letter was approved for recommending to MWAQC for its signature and then sending it to EPA.

### **3. Update on Air Quality Monitors**

Ram Tangirala briefed on the status of air quality monitors in the District of Columbia. Dave Krask briefed on the status of air quality monitors in Maryland. Chuck Turner briefed on the status of air quality monitors in Virginia. Ram talked about a new location for the Takoma ozone monitor and a new near road monitor to be installed by January 2015. Dave talked about a near road monitor being installed in Howard county in January 2014. Chuck talked about the Alexandria monitor being relocated to a new location as the previous location was close to three auto body shops and was affecting the air quality monitoring. Ozone data from that location for the past two years was being reviewed to evaluate their validity to the above reason. He also talked about a near road monitor being installed near the Springfield interchange.

### **4. Brief Updates**

- a. Public comment/ hearing process for the PM<sub>2.5</sub> Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan  
Sunil Kumar discussed the public comment and hearing schedules for the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia in addition to the individual locations. He also mentioned the MWCOG web-site was set up to accept comments from the public.
- b. EPA RICE Reconsideration rule finalized  
Sunil Kumar briefly discussed the final rule for the RICE engines that EPA published on January 14, 2013. He discussed the differences from the proposed rule, which was published earlier by EPA.
- c. Court Denies EPA Petition for rehearing of CSAPR vacature  
Sunil Kumar briefed the members about the recent Court decision to deny an EPA petition to rehear the CSAPR vacature by the full court.
- d. Adequacy finding for ozone mobile budgets  
Sunil Kumar discussed the recent EPA adequacy finding for the ozone mobile budgets for VOC and NO<sub>x</sub>. EPA found adequate VOC and NO<sub>x</sub> mobile budgets for 2009 and NO<sub>x</sub> budget for 2010. These approved mobile budgets would be used in determining conformity for the 2012 CLRP analysis and beyond. The 2012 CLRP analysis is currently being revised to include these mobile budgets. Based on the 2012 CLRP analysis, projected mobile emissions in the future are below these two budgets and therefore conform to these budgets. Jane Posey discussed the reasons for amending the 2012 CLRP analysis. Kanti asked if there were any changes to any project as part of the amendment. Jane said no such changes occurred. Jim asked when the FHWA got the 2012 CLRP analysis. Jane said it was in January 2013. FHWA advised to include the newly approved budgets in the 2012 LRP analysis. Members agreed to review and approve this letter for the MWAQC’s review during the conference call to discuss the MWAQC budget on February 20.
- e. Gold book  
Jeff King discussed the Gold Book, which was developed a few years ago. He said a number of jurisdictions have been contacted to provide various control programs being adopted there as part of the CEEPC work by March 15, 2013. These control programs could be included in the Gold Book. Cecily suggested including measures from various existing climate, energy, and transportation plans.

## **5. Draft MWAQC FY 2014 Work Program & Budget**

Joan Rohlf provided a brief description of the draft FY 2014 work program and budget. Members discussed the work plan and budget in details and were also informed by Joan regarding the ongoing discussions on this among state air and transportation agencies and TPB. It was decided to hold a call on February 20 after the above mentioned agencies and TPB had a chance to discuss this.

## **6. Announcement of Stakeholder Appointments**

Sunil Kumar announced the names of the four stakeholders being appointed for the current year for MWAQC-TAC. While Anna Prados (University of Maryland, Baltimore County), John Kinsman (Edison Electric Institute), and Walter Sidlock (Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority) are up for re-appointment, Jennifer Tabor (Department of Defense) is being appointed as a replacement for Andrew Gaynes (Quantico).

## **7. State and Local Updates**

Diane Franks reported for Maryland. She informed the group about the revisions being made to the Distributed Generator regulations. She also talked about changes to the RGGI cap to make it better. Cecily Beal reported for the District of Columbia. She talked about the submission of the Lead infrastructure SIP for Washington, DC. She also said that a total of 800 comments were received on the issue of the permit for the Capitol Hill power plant. Tom Ballou said Virginia did not have update at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM.