

# Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee (ACPAC)

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**METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**  
(250+ Local, State, and Federal Government Elected Officials)

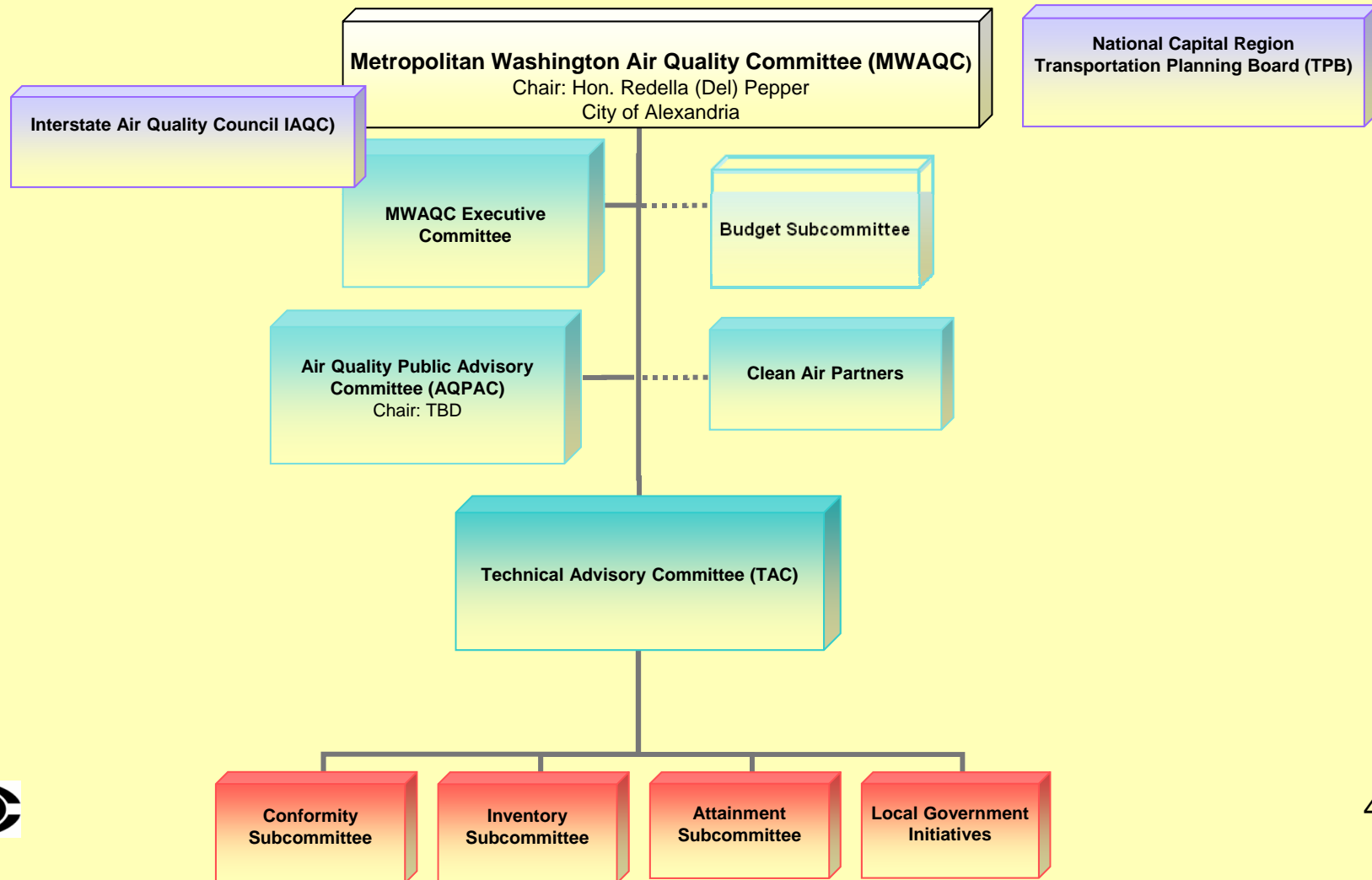
<b>INDEPENDENT POLICY BOARDS</b>		
National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board	COG Board of Directors	<b>Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee</b>

<b>Policy Committees</b>				
Aviation	<b>Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee</b>	Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources	Human Services and Public Safety	Metropolitan Development

**Public/Private Partnerships**  
 Clean Air Partners  
 Greater Washington 2050  
 National Capital Region Emergency Preparedness Council  
 Washington Area Housing Partnership



# MWAQC Organizational Structure





# MWAQC Created in 1992



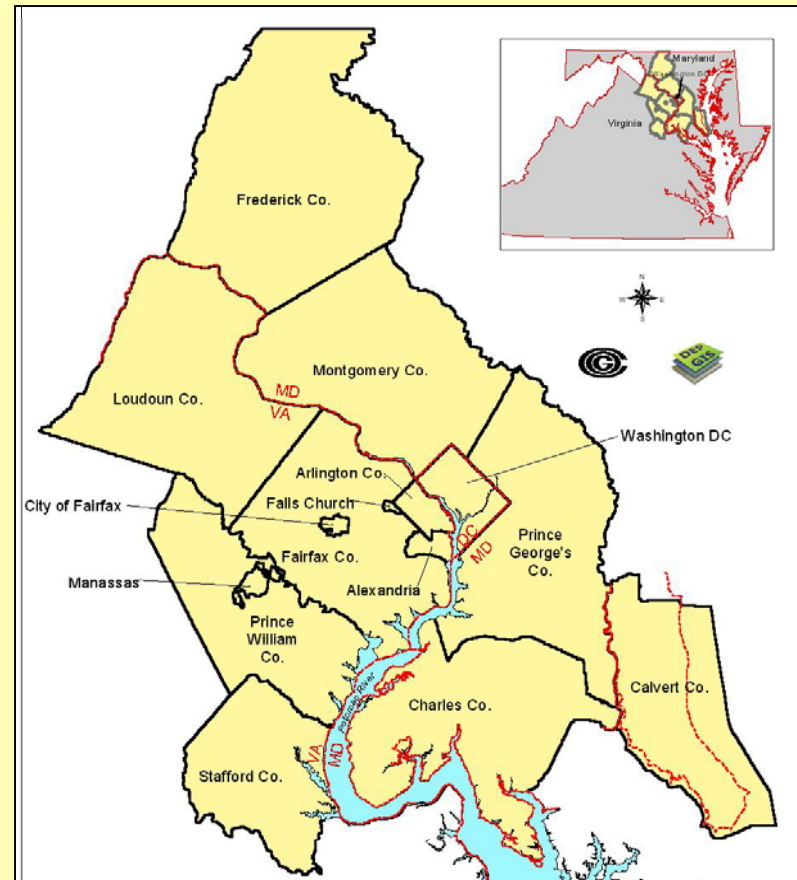
- Section 174 of CAA
- Certified by Mayor of the District of Columbia and governors of MD and VA
- Purpose: to prepare regional air quality plans to meet federal health standards for ozone and carbon monoxide
- (2004) Revised Purpose: prepare regional air quality plans for new ozone and fine particle standards



# MWAQC Created in 1992



The Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee conducts air quality planning for the Washington nonattainment region.



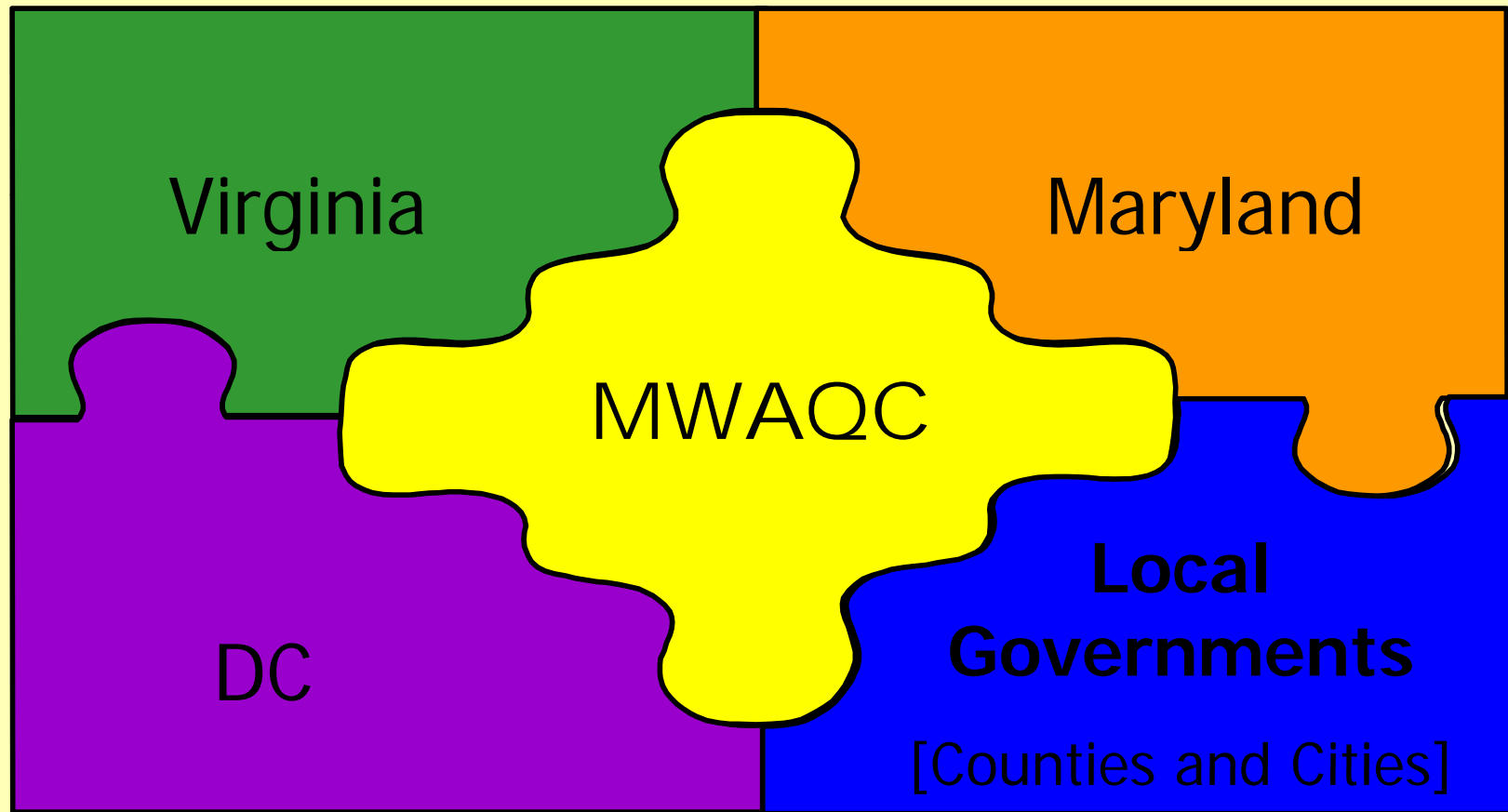
# MWAQC Bylaws

- Develop and maintain a public participation and education program and collaborate with other public air quality efforts as appropriate.





# Members of MWAQC





# Air Quality Planning

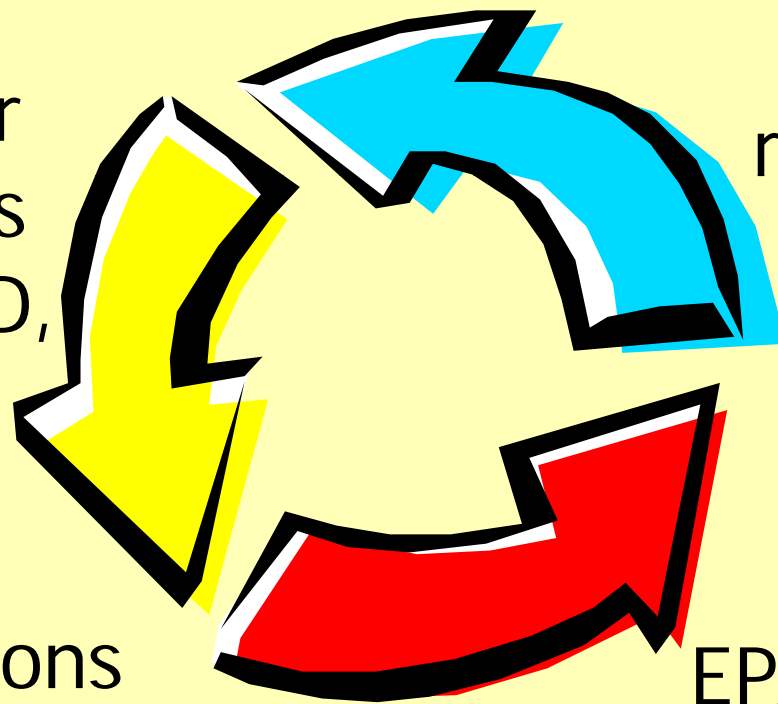


MWAQC  
approves air  
quality plans  
(SIPs) for MD,  
VA, DC

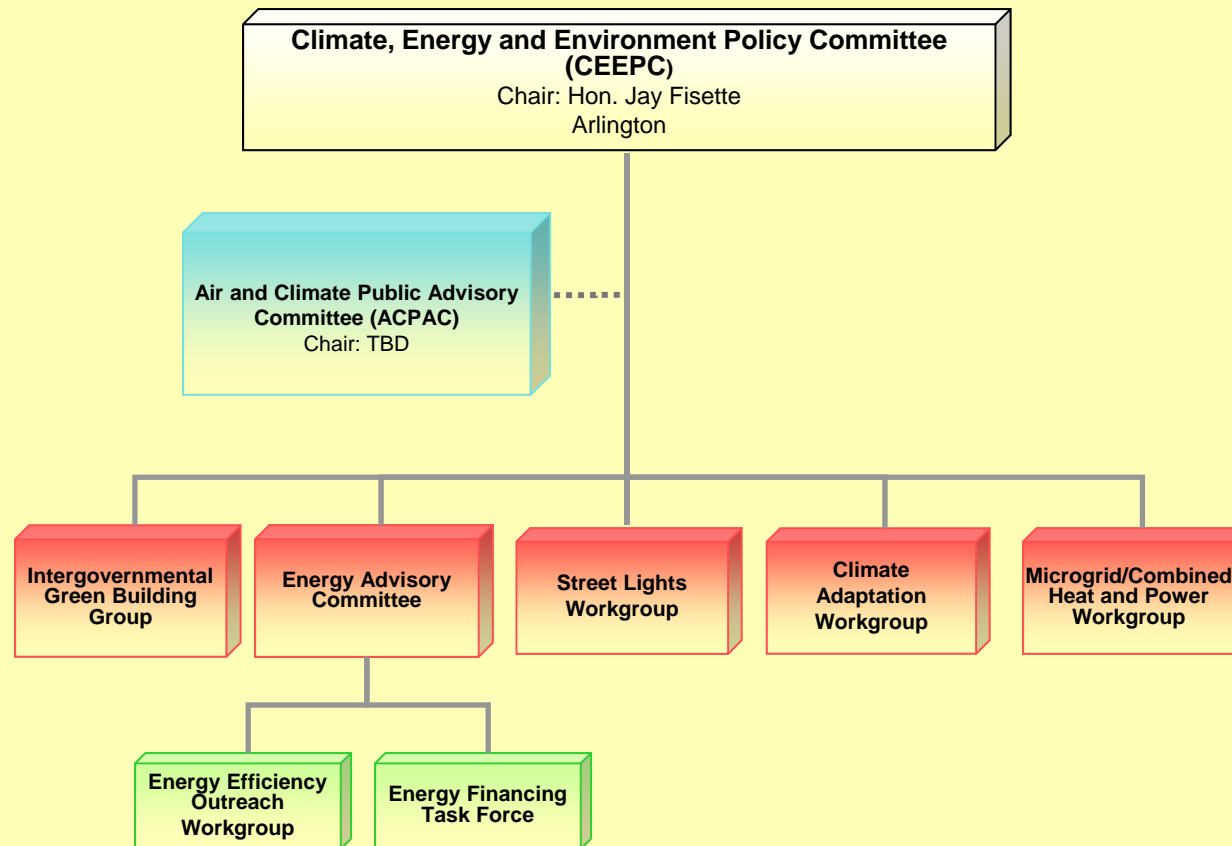
MWAQC  
revises SIP as  
necessary

Jurisdictions  
submit SIP  
to EPA

EPA  
approves  
SIP



# CEEPC Organizational Structure



# CEEPC Created in 2009



- Created by the COG Board as its principal policy adviser on climate change, energy, green building, alternate fuels, solid waste and recycling policy issues, and other environmental issues as the Board may assign.
- Purpose: responsible for managing implementation of the COG Climate Change Report including development of a regional climate change strategy to meet the regional greenhouse gas reduction goals adopted by the Board.



# ACPAC Mission

- Facilitate dialogue among interest groups and community on air and climate issues
- Advise MWAQC in development of air quality and climate change plans, policies
- Advise CEEPC on implementation of energy efficiency, GHG reduction measures





# ACPAC Membership

- MWAQC appoints individuals to represent elements of the community, seeking a balance among them and a geographic balance
- Terms: 3 years, staggered
- Term limit: 2 three-year terms, but may be longer at MWAQC's discretion



# Election of Officers



- Nominating Committee nominates individuals for chair and vice chair;
- Slate is announced 10 days before election
- Election takes place in February
- Nominations can be made from the floor



# ACPAC Activities

- Comment on air quality and climate change issues, plans and policies
  - Air Quality Plans (“SIPs”), COG’s Climate Change Report, Power plant permits affecting Washington region, public hearing schedule, attainment modeling, transportation issues



# Air Quality Issues: 2011



- Transition to MOVES model
- Air quality monitoring sites near roads
- Emission inventory development for non-attainment
- Ozone federal standard (NAAQS) reconsideration





# Climate Change Issues: 2011



- Status of and reporting on regional progress
- Regional climate adaptation planning
- Community energy planning
  - Including district energy/CHP
- Energy financing
- Green procurement
- Regional launch of energy efficiency outreach program



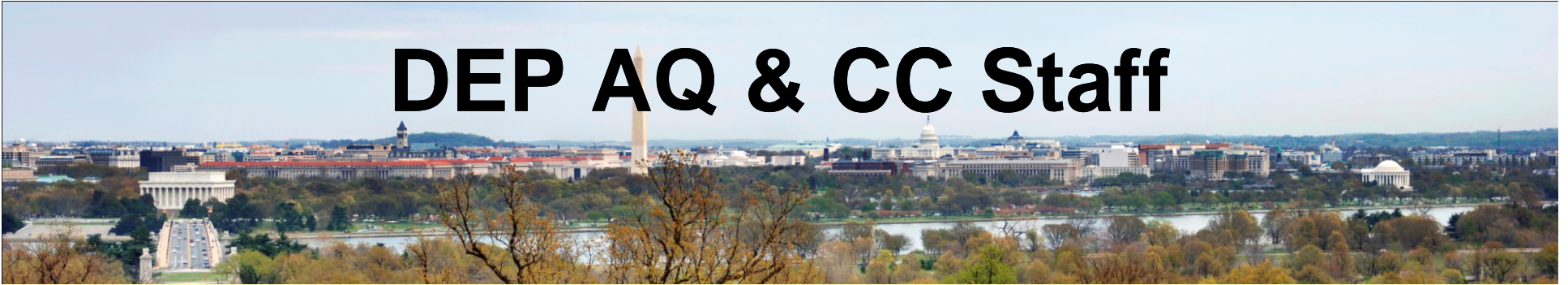
# ACPAC Appointment Process



- MWAQC will appoint ACPAC members at the February Executive Committee Meeting (Feb 9)
- Staff will notify all applicants mid-January
- ACPAC meets on Mondays, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm
- ACPAC usually meets the week before MWAQC or CEEPC



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- Jeannine Altavilla





# Further Information



Go to: [www.mwcog/publications](http://www.mwcog/publications)

- Washington, DC-MD-VA State Implementation Plans
- National Capital Region Climate Change Report (11/12/08)

