

Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: February 25, 2009

Time: 12:00 pm– 1:30 pm

**Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol St., NE, 3rd Floor, Board Room
Washington, D.C. 20002**

Lunch will be available for members at 11:30 a.m.

AGENDA

- 12:00 1. Call to Order; Approval of Minutes, Chair’s Remarks**
- 12:15 2. Committee Reports**
- A. Report of the Technical Advisory Committee**
 - B. Report of the Air Quality Public Advisory Committee**
 - C. Report of the Clean Air Partners**
- 12:40 3. New 2008 Ozone Standard <75 ppb**
- Designation Schedule for Designation, SIPs**
 - State Recommendations**
 - New Control Measures: OTC Process**
- 1:10 4. Report on Gold Book Measures and Voluntary Commitments in Washington Region SIPs**
- 1:25 5. State and Local Air Reports**
- 1:30 6. Date for Next Meeting and Adjourn**
Next Meeting Date: March 25, 2009

Item: 1. Public Comment, Approval of Minutes, Announcements, Chairman's Report

Presenter: Hon. Phil Mendelson, MWAQC Chair

Description:

After the public comment period, Chair will call for approval of Meeting Summary for January 28, 2009, and for amendments to the agenda.

Recommended Action:

Approve minutes

Item: 2. Committee Reports

- **Report of the Technical Advisory Committee**
Tom Ballou, Chair
- **Report of the Air Quality Public Advisory Committee**
Deron Lovaas, Chair
- **Report of the Clean Air Partners**
Harriet West, Managing Director

Item 3. New 2008 Ozone Standard <75 ppb

- **Designation Schedule for Designation, SIPs**
- **State Recommendations**
- **New Control Measures: OTC Process**

Presenters: Joan Rohlfs, Chief, Air Quality Planning
Sunil Kumar, MWCOG/DEP;
Tom Ballou, VA DEQ
Diane Franks, MDE
Cecily Beall, DDOE

Description:

Based on new evidence of health effects from ozone at lower concentrations, EPA promulgated a new ozone standard in 2008. The new standard reduces the 8 hour standard from 85 parts per billion (ppb) to 75 ppb. The process of designating areas that do not meet the new standard, nonattainment areas, begins this year. The first step is for states to analyze monitor data in their state and recommend areas for nonattainment to EPA. The state recommendations are due to EPA Region 3 by March 12. The states will present their analysis and preliminary recommendations.

Recommended Action:

Briefing

Materials:

Presentations

**Item: 4 Report on Gold Book Measures and
Voluntary Commitments in Washington Region SIPs**

Presenter: Jeff King, Senior Environmental Planner

Description:

MWAQC developed the Gold Book to address innovative measures adopted by local governments to improve the region's air quality. First developed in 2003 and revised in 2006, the Gold Book addresses programs that are currently being implemented, promising initiatives that exist and are available for expansion without significant new effort, and promising initiatives that could be in pace in the future with additional effort. The Gold Book is an evolving document that is revised and updated as new ideas are conceived and demonstration programs become more widely accepted and implemented.

Staff will review measures in the Gold Book and discuss voluntary measures included in the region's State Implementation Plans (SIPs).

Recommended Action:

Briefing

Materials:

The Gold Book

Report on Local Government Voluntary Commitments