

Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: February 22, 2006

Time: 12:00 pm– 2:00 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; Public Comment Period**
- 12:05 2. Approval of Minutes, Announcements, Chairman's Report**
- 12:10 3. 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**
 - D. Report of the Interstate Air Quality Council (IAQC)**
- 12:25 4. Potomac River Power Plant: Update**
- 12:40 5. Air Quality Initiatives (Panel)**
- Maryland Initiatives:*
Clean Power Rule: Diane Franks, MDE
Healthy Air Act: MaryPIRG (invited)
- Virginia Initiatives:*
CAIR Rules: Doris McLeod, Virginia DEQ
Clean Smokestacks: Chris Miller, PEC
- 1:40 6. Briefing: RGGI Process**
- 1:50 7. State Air Agencies' Report**
- 2:00 8. Date for Next Meeting and Adjourn**

Item: 2. Approval of Minutes, Announcements, Chairman's Report

Presenter: Hon. Phil Mendelson, MWAQC Chair

Description:

Chair will call for approval of Meeting Summary for December 14, 2005, and for amendments to the agenda.

Recommended Action:

Approve minutes

Item: 4. Potomac River Power Plant: Update

Presenter: Mike Dowd, Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality

Description:

Last December, Secretary Bodman, Dept. of Energy, ordered the Potomac River Power Plant to be ready for full generation during the event of planned and unplanned outages. In January Pepco announced a planned maintenance period for one of the transmission lines supplying electricity to the District of Columbia. During the maintenance period, the Potomac River Power plant resumed operations to back up the power grid for several days. Mr. Dowd will report on the regulatory status of the plant's operations at present.

Recommended Action:

Briefing

Materials:

None

State Air Quality Initiatives (Panel)

Overview: Joan Rohlf, MWCOG

MD Clean Power Rule:	Diane Franks, MDE
MD Healthy Air Act:	MaryPIRG (invited)
VA CAIR Rule:	Doris McLeod, VDEQ
VA Clean Smokestacks:	Chris Miller, Piedmont Environmental Council

Description:

The Maryland and Virginia Legislatures are in session this winter. Both bodies are considering various initiatives that would affect air quality in the region. In addition, the state administrations have proposed significant rules to reduce power plant emissions in their states. The proposed rules and the proposed (at this date) legislation will be discussed by a panel representing the state air agencies and environmental groups. The proposed bills and proposed rules are available below on the MWAQC web page.

Dates:

Virginia 2006 legislation session: 1/11/06-3/11/06

Maryland 2006 legislative session: 1/11/06-4/10/06

Recommended Action:

Briefing & Discussion

Materials:

The following documents can be found at:

http://www.mwcog.org/environment/committee/committee/documents.asp?COMMITTEE_ID=14

Maryland Clean Power Rule (draft November 2005)

Maryland Clean Power Rule Fact Sheet

Maryland Health Air Act (January 2006)

Virginia CAIR and CAMR links

Virginia Clean Smokestacks (January 2006)

Item 6. RGGI Process

Presenter: Jeff King, Environmental Planner

Description:

The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) is a process and an MOU signed by seven New England states. Maryland and the District are observers in the process. Mr. King will briefly describe the process and discuss issues and concerns raised by Mid-Atlantic states.

Recommended Action:

Briefing

Materials:

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RGGI Presentation