

**MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee**  
**1-Page Summary of Policy-Relevant Issues January 8, 2008**

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

PM<sub>2.5</sub> SIP Public Comment Period

- Public Hearings will be held on the following dates: Virginia, January 29, 2008, 7pm; Maryland, January 30, 2008, 6pm; District of Columbia, February 11, 2008, 6pm.
- The draft SIP is posted at the following site:  
<http://sharepoint.mwqoc.org/airquality/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

Transportation Conformity

- TPB released this year's conformity determination at the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on December 13. The draft analysis shows that the mobile source emissions are below the interim and proposed new motor vehicle emission budgets for all milestone years for both PM<sub>2.5</sub> and ozone. A draft MWAQC comment letter will be prepared and sent to TPB.

COG Climate Change Initiative

- The Climate Change Steering Committee (CCSC) will discuss possible regional reduction targets at its meeting in January.
- Staff have begun to prepare a best practices guide that will highlight successful greenhouse gas emission mitigation programs, based in part on the results of the IRE survey of local jurisdictions.

Stakeholder Nominations

- Five applications for stakeholder positions have been received. Flint Webb and John Kinsman have reapplied to serve again in 2008. Other applications are from Bill Butler, Mirant; Candice Gay, Department of Defense; and Walt Seedlock, Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee. Final appointments will be made after consultation with the MWAQC Executive Committee.

State and Local Air Agency Update

- In Virginia, Governor Kaine, through Executive Order 59, established a Climate Change Commission. The first meeting will be announced soon. Virginia DEQ has prepared a preliminary emission inventory, which should be available by the end of the month. Virginia is still in the process of setting up a meeting with EPA, Mirant, the City of Alexandria, and others to discuss the local modeling request for the Potomac River Generating Station. There are two upcoming Air Board meetings, January 25 and February 6. There will be a public hearing on the Potomac River Generating Station on January 25.
- Maryland and the District have submitted designation letters for the new daily PM standard. Both states have requested designation as nonattainment.
- In Maryland, the Advisory Council is expected to approve the RGGI regulations. Maryland is also actively working on the Climate Change Commission initiative.
- The District has been working on the infrastructure SIP, the Clean Cars legislation, and is holding a public hearing on the OTC VOC rules.

Upcoming Events

- MWAQC Executive Committee. January 9.
- AQPAC. January 14.
- TPB. January 16.
- Energy Advisory Committee. January 17.
- CCSC. January 23.