

MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
October 10, 2017, 10:00 AM to 11:05 AM

Present:

Cecily Beall, District Department of Energy & Environment
Ram Tangirala, District Department of Energy & Environment
Alexandra Catena, District Department of Energy & Environment
Doris McLeod, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Sonya Lewis-Cheatham, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Alex Brun, Maryland Department of the Environment
Mike Lake, Fairfax County
Malcolm Watson, Fairfax County
Jim Ponticello, Virginia Department of Transportation
Chris Voigt, Virginia Department of Transportation
Tina Casey, District Department of Transportation
John Kinsman, Edison Electric Institute

Staff:

Sunil Kumar, COG/DEP
Steve Walz, COG/DEP
Jeff King, COG/DEP
Jen Desimone, COG/DEP
Ron Milone, COG/DTP
JinChul Park, COG/DTP
Dusan Vuksan, COG/DTP
Tim Masters, COG/DEP

1. Call to Order and Review of Meeting Summary

Cecily Beall called the meeting to order at 10 am. The September 5 meeting summary was approved without any changes.

2. Ozone Season Summary

Sunil Kumar presented a summary of the ozone season data for this year. There were eight (8) code orange days for ozone and zero (0) such day for fine particles in the season. The ozone design value of the Washington region is 72 ppb, which is higher compared to the current 2015 ozone standard (70 ppb). Doris suggested adding a slide for the planned control measures for future presentation. Sunil said he would soon get in touch in state air agencies about it.

3. Draft 2008 Ozone NAAQS Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan

Sunil discussed the changes made to the plan documents since the committee meeting on September 5th. The changes were mostly related to the railroad and consumer product emissions for the District and the comments received from EPA based on their initial review of the documents.

Members suggested discussing the responses to the public comments received by the District and Maryland, if any on the plan. Since the last date for Virginia's public comments is November 16th, members suggested discussing them in the December 12th meeting.

4. Amended 2016 CLRP and Comment Letter

Jane Posey discussed the results of the amended 2016 CLRP analysis. The on-road mobile emissions were less than the MVEBs. Sunil discussed the draft MWAQC comment letter on the analysis. The committee agreed to recommend the letter to MWAQC for approval on the MWAQC Executive Committee call on October 11th to meet the TPB's October 14th deadline.

5. Local Measures

Steve updated the members on the status of ACPAC's action plan for the local measure analysis to improve air quality significantly. ACPAC is still in the process of developing an action plan. ACPAC will get in touch with MD about this. Once ACPAC develops an action plan, it will be shared with the members first before the meeting to allow ample time to review it.

6. Additional Items

- A. Clean Power Plan – Steve discussed EPA's proposal to repeal of the Clean Power Plan. He said a few MWAQC members wanted to know its impact on the air quality in this area. Based on the initial assessment, it appears that there is not much impact in the Washington region as Maryland and Virginia are already approaching those levels of emissions reductions. However, there may be more impact in the upwind areas. Doris said there may be some impact in 2023 and the full impact will be seen in 2030, but the Washington region does not have any requirements to meet by that time. She said this is a complex analysis and OTC would probably weigh in on it. John Kinsman said modeling the CPP by OTC does not make much sense as it is going to be repealed. However, he said there will likely be a replacement rule. He further said that the clean energy and renewable standards will also reduce GHG levels.
- B. PBPP GHG Performance Measures – Jane Posey discussed the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for removing the GHG measures from the Performance Based Planning and Programming. Steve said that COG staff would bring this up in the next meeting to inform members and see if MWAQC would like to comment on it.

7. State & Local Updates

Cecily said that the District submitted a comment letter to EPA regarding the reconsideration of the mid-term evaluation of the GHG rule for the model year 2022-2025 light-duty vehicles. The District is also part of the law suit against EPA for delaying the implementation of the 2015 ozone NAAQS. Doris said that Virginia is in the process of drafting the CAIS rule. The Virginia Governor announced the funding for electric vehicles. Alex Brun said Maryland did not have any updates.

8. Adjourn

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.