

**MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee**  
**1-Page Summary of Policy-Relevant Issues February 13, 2007**

Key policy-relevant issues discussed at the February 13 meeting are summarized below.

Attainment Modeling

- Virginia DEQ is completing one final attainment modeling run that will be completed using final inputs to reflect any recent changes in predicted emissions for 2009, including recent revisions to emissions for portable fuel containers. Results are expected in late February.

Conformity Subcommittee

- MWAQC has sent a letter to TPB requesting up to 9 tpd of NO<sub>x</sub> reductions for potential use in setting a 2010 mobile budget for use in the contingency plan.
- MWAQC and TPB staff are reviewing the list of local mobile measures to estimate potential reductions, ensure consistency, and to ensure there is no duplication with existing TERMS.

Local Government Initiatives

- Formal commitment letters from the local jurisdictions are still pending from several jurisdictions. All letters were requested by the end of January for inclusion in the SIP.

MWAQC Work Program and Budget

- The FY 2008 MWAQC work program and budget were approved for recommendation to MWAQC.

Contingency Planning

- The 8-hour ozone SIP will require a contingency plan for potential attainment or RFP failures. Emission reductions in the amount of 3 percent of the adjusted 2002 base case inventory must be available for implementation in 2010/2011. Potential contingency measures for attainment failures are still being evaluated.

Stakeholder Appointments

- Four stakeholder members were appointed in February. They were Flint Webb, Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations; Bob Stroik, Air Quality Specialist, National Park Service, National Capital Region; Ken Von Schaumburg, Greater Washington Board of Trade; John Kinsman, Director of Air Quality Programs, Edison Electric Institute.

Climate Change Roundtable

- COG's Regional Climate Change Staff Roundtable brought together more than 75 environmental planners, local government executive representatives and other policy makers to begin plans for a regional climate change agenda.

Court Ruling on EPA 8-hour Ozone Rule

- The recent court ruling remanding EPA's 8-hour ozone regulation may have implications for the Washington region, particularly in the area of anti-backsliding requirements. The delayed timeline for EPA's response to the ruling means that the current SIP efforts may not be impacted.

State Air Agency Update

- In Maryland, CAL LEV II legislation may be approved this session. The legislature is also considering establishing a Maryland Office of Climate Change. The Advisory Board is expected to act to maintain the NSR thresholds values at the Severe nonattainment levels.
- The District is taking its CAIR and OTC model rules to public hearings.

Upcoming Events

- AQPAC. February 26
- MWAQC. February 28.
- OTC. March 1-2.