

Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee

Suite 300, 777 North Capitol Street, N.E. Washington, D.C. 20002-4239 202-962-3358 Fax: 202-962-3203

MEETING NOTICE

Date: October 25, 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. Air Quality Plan (SIP) Status**
- 12:40 5. Proposed Voluntary Bundle**
- 12:55 6. MWAQC Comment on Conformity Analysis**
- 1:05 7. Attainment Modeling and Weight of Evidence Overview**
- 1:20 8. Report: Air Quality Town Hall (Oct.19)**
- 1:30 9. State Air Agencies' Report**
- 1:40 10. Other Business**
- 1:45 11. 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 September 27, 2006, and for amendments to the agenda. The Chair will give a report and appoint a Nominating Committee.

Recommended Action:

Approve minutes

Item: 3. Committee Reports

**Presenter: Jim Sydnor, Chair, Technical Advisory Committee
Jill Engel-Cox, Chair, AQPAC
Harriet West, Clean Air Partners
Tad Aburn, MDE, for Interstate Air Quality Council**

Description:

Members will provide updates on recent committee activities.

Recommended Action:

Briefing

Item 4: Air Quality Plan (SIP) Status

Presenter: Joan Rohlfs, Chief, Air Quality Planning

Description:

Ms. Rohlfs will discuss development of the 8-hour ozone air quality plan (SIP). Due to coordination of modeling between Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality with other modeling centers in the Ozone Transport Region, there continue to be delays in attainment modeling for the Washington region. Final attainment modeling results are expected in mid-November. The modeling results will be included in the draft air quality plan that will be submitted to MWAQC for approval for public hearing in January. Public hearings will be held in March and final approval of the SIP is expected in April.

Ms. Rohlfs will discuss the MWAQC schedule for the next six months.

Recommended Action:

Briefing & Discussion

Materials:

The following document can be found at:

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

SIP Schedule

Item 5. Proposed Voluntary Bundle

Presenter: Jeff King, Environmental Planner

Description:

Staff will present a proposed voluntary bundle of local measures to be included in the new air quality plan (SIP). Local government commitments will be required by December 31 for these non-regulatory measures. Staff will discuss the process for making a commitment to a measure and putting it in the air quality plan (SIP).

Recommended Action:

Vote to approve including in SIP

Materials:

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

Memorandum

Item 6. MWAQC Comment on Conformity Analysis

Presenter: Jeff King, Environmental Planner

Description:

In September the Transportation Planning Board (TPB) Technical Committee released a draft conformity determination for the 2006 CLRP and 2007-2012 TIP. Results indicate that the TPB will be able to demonstrate conformity for both the 8-hour and PM_{2.5} requirement. The MWAQC Executive Committee approved a comment letter recommended by the Technical Advisory Committee and the letter was sent to TPB before the October 18 comment deadline.

Mr. King will review the comment letter and the expectations for future mobile budgets to be used in transportation conformity analyses.

Recommended Action:

Briefing

Materials:

The following documents can be found at:

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

Letter

Item 7. Attainment Modeling and Weight of Evidence Overview

Presenter: Sunil Kumar, Principal Environmental Scientist

Description:

Mr. Kumar will discuss the status of attainment modeling for the Washington region and he will review the evidence supporting the region's attainment demonstration. The Weight of Evidence is a requirement for regions that are expecting to attain the ozone standard in 2009.

Recommended Action:

Briefing

Materials:

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

Item 8. Report: Air Quality Town Hall

Presenter: Jill Engel Cox, Chair, AQPAC

Description:

The Air Quality Public Advisory Committee hosted an Air Quality Town Hall meeting on October 19 at COG. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss proposed measures in the new air quality plan and to discuss longer term measures to control air pollution in the future. Ms. Engel-Cox will report on the meeting and some of the comments received.

Recommended Action:

Briefing

Materials:

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

Item 9. State Air Agency Report

Presenter: Air Directors

Description:

The State Air Agencies will provide an update on air quality programs in the states.

Recommended Action:

None

Materials:

None