

Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee

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The Air and Climate Public Advisory Committee (ACPAC) is an advisory body to the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) and the Climate, Energy, and Environment Policy Committee (CEEPC)

Draft Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 18, 2015

Room 4/5

5:30 P.M.-7:30 P.M.

ACPAC Members: Richard Ezike, Leah Fisher, Gretchen Goldman, Eric Goplerud, Seth Heald, John Howes, Sally Kane, Chuck Kooshian, Sarah Mazur, Natalie Pien, Gabriel Thoumi, Glenna Tinney

Staff: Steve Walz, Maia Davis, Isabel Ricker

Additional Guests: Chris King, US DOE; Tanya Crk, US EPA

1. Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda (Glenna Tinney, Chair)

The draft agenda and April meeting summary were approved without changes.

2. US DOE Quadrennial Energy Review (Chris King, US DOE)

In April 2015, the Obama Administration released the first Quadrennial Energy Review (QER). There is no national energy policy and most energy infrastructure is controlled by the private sector. Therefore, the purpose of the QER is to provide needed national information and data and represent public interest in this space. The QER provides a snapshot of today's energy infrastructure and examines how to modernize infrastructure using clean, secure, reliant and domestic resources. This first QER looks at transmission, storage, distribution infrastructure and does not address generation, supply or end uses. The report provides recommendations for expanding federal grant programs and creating new programs to support the modernization of energy infrastructure.

3. Ozone Extension Request and Action Plan (Steve Walz, COG Environmental Programs)

The Ozone extension request deadline was earlier than anticipated and the 1-year extension request has been submitted to EPA for the region. To continue to support action to meet Ozone standards MWAQC will be asked to adopt a resolution that supports implementation of key state and local strategies. ACPAC members expressed interest in knowing where local governments are on implementing local actions and getting annual updates on implementation status. Some ACPAC members expressed that they wanted more action from Virginia under the state actions.

4. DRAFT FY 2016 MWAQC and CEEPC Work Program and Budget (Steve Walz and Maia Davis, COG Environmental Programs)

Draft work programs for both MWAQC and CEEPC are being brought to ACPAC for review prior to review by the policy committees. The MWAQC work program includes emission inventory development, ozone planning/strategy development, local measures, transportation conformity/mobile emissions analysis, public participation (including support for ACPAC), MWAQC support and other project management

activities. The CEEPC work program supports regional climate and energy policy development (including legislative advocacy); CEEPC, BEEAC, ACPAC and other committee work; energy infrastructure, efficiency and renewables; sustainability and adaptation; diesel retrofits and fleet conversions; COG Board and member support; and regional solid waste and recycling management.

Between the air quality action plan/strategy discussion and the work program discussion, ACPAC members expressed a lot of interest in how ACPAC can be more involved in advocacy work. There was interest in exploring how the committee can be more involved in not just legislative advocacy but other advocacy work (i.e. what's the next big focus/project for ACPAC).

5. Updates (Maia Davis, COG Environmental Programs)

All the input from ACPAC members at the April meeting's work session was provided to the COG Multi-Sector Work Group planning team and consultants. The consultant team incorporated ACPAC comments into revised strategies and technical memo that will be used to analyze how the region can reach its regional greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.

The Climate and Energy Leadership Awards Program is well underway. An intern is starting this week to help support the program. Applications are due June 30, 2015 and ACPAC will judge the awards at the July ACPAC meeting. At the June ACPAC meeting we will review the judging process and ACPAC members should be prepared to review applications prior to the July meeting.

Next meeting: June 15, 2015 – 5:30pm – 7:30pm
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