

Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee

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TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: November 9, 2010

Time: 10:00 am to 12:00 am

COG Board Room, 3rd Floor

Lunch will be served to members at noon

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- 10:00 1. Call to Order and Review of Meeting Summary (October 12, 2010)**
Chairman Cecily Beall, District Department of Environment
- 10:10 2. Comment Letter on Conformity for the 2010 CLRP and 2011-2016 TIP**
Jeff King, COG/DEP, will present a draft comment letter on the draft conformity report for the 2010 CLRP and 2011-2106 TIP. The comment period closes on November 14.
- 10:20 3. CAFE Heavy Duty Trucks: Proposed Rule**
Sunil Kumar, COG/DEP, will discuss the recent proposed rule that would require increased fuel efficiency for the heavy duty truck fleet.
- 10:35 4. MOVES Inputs and Schedule**
Sunil Kumar, COG/DEP, will discuss recent decisions on MOVES inputs for estimating emissions from motor vehicles and the anticipated schedule for the transitioning process.
- 10:50 5. Proposed Ethanol Waiver**
Sunil Kumar, COG/DEP, will discuss EPA's recent proposal to allow higher ethanol levels in motor fuels.
- 11:05 6. Emission Inventory Growth Assumptions**
Sunil Kumar, COG/DEP, Doris McLeod, VADEQ, and Brian Hug, MDE, will discuss issues related to growth assumptions for projected emission inventories.
- 11:35 7. Other Business**
- Stakeholder Appointment Process for 2011
- 11:45 8. State and Local Air Agency Reports**
- 11:55 9. Set Date for Next Meeting, Future Agenda Items, Adjourn, Next TAC Meeting: December 14, 2010**



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**MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
October 12, 2010 10:00 to 11:30am
Teleconference**

Present:

Elizabeth Aiken, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Monica Backmon, Prince William County
Cecily Beall, District Department of Environment
Tom Ballou, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Randall Carroll, Maryland Department of the Environment
Austina Casey, District Department of Transportation
Bhesh Dhamala, Fairfax County
Jessica Daniels, District Department of Environment
Diane Franks, Maryland Department of the Environment
Barbara Hardy, Fairfax County
Ken Kenovnik, Fairfax County Department of Transportation
Jon Kinsman, Edison Electric Institute
Sonya Lewis-Cheatham, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Pam Parker, Montgomery County Department of Environment
Kanti Srikanth, Virginia Department of Transportation
Howard Simons, Maryland Department of Transportation
Chris Voigt, Virginia Department of Transportation

Staff:

Jeannine Altavilla, COG/DEP
Jeff King, COG/DEP
Sunil Kumar, COG/DEP
Jane Posey, COG/DEP
Joan Rohlfs, COG/DEP

Other Participants:

Charley Baummer, MWAA
Jen Tabor, US Department of Defense REC Region III
Flint Webb, Fairfax County Federation of Citizen's Associations

1. Call to Order and Review of Meeting Summary (September 14, 2010)

Ms. Beall called the teleconference meeting to order at 10:00. The minutes of the September 14 meeting were approved with no changes. Additions to the agenda include discussion of a draft comment letter on EPA's proposed new motor vehicle fuel economy/emission labels. The final comment letter on EPA's Transport Rule was provided to members.

2. Transportation Conformity

COG DTP staff presented information on the draft conformity determination for the 2010 CLRP and the 2011-2016 TIP. The analysis shows that emissions are lower than the required or proposed motor vehicle emission budgets for all analysis years. This year's analysis uses several new inputs and approaches. Round 8 Cooperative Forecasts were used which indicate lower levels of growth compared to the predictions from 2009. The analysis also includes a new outyear - 2040 - that will be analyzed moving forward. The analysis does not yet include the most recent Household Travel Survey and does not use the new EPA MOVES model. As in past analyses, emissions decline significantly over time however, between 2030 and 2040 as emission control requirements begin to be fully phased in but the fleet continues to grow, emissions actually begin to increase slightly, suggesting the need for new control programs to give us benefits into the future. Considering several suggestions from members, staff will draft a comment letter for subsequent review by the TAC and then potential action by the MWAQC Executive Committee in November.

3. Air Quality Trends Report

COG DEP staff are preparing the annual air quality trends report. The report covers trends in air quality from 1993-2009. Information is available for ozone, fine particles, carbon monoxide, lead, NO₂, and SO₂. The air quality monitoring network is also described, with a map with monitor location and a table showing which pollutants are measured. Information on the basic timeline for NAAQS implementation is provided. Overall, the report clearly depicts substantial progress in improving air quality in the region. Staff will revise the report based on feedback provided by members.

4. EPA Proposed Fuel Efficiency Labels

COG staff prepared a draft comment letter on EPA's proposed new vehicle fuel efficiency labeling system. The letter states MWAQC support for the proposed updates to fuel economy labels. Revised label designs would provide a strong educational value for consumers considering an automobile purchase. The labels represent the fuel performance of a vehicle clearly and the grading system allows consumers to easily compare vehicles across different categories. Additionally, reporting the greenhouse gas and other pollutant emissions will help consumers to consider how their selection of an automobile impacts the environment. Staff will revise the comment letter based on feedback provided by members and will circulate a revised draft as well as the EPA fact sheet on the proposal prior to the next TAC meeting.

5. State and Local Air Agency Reports

Tom Ballou reported for Virginia. The Regional Haze SIP was submitted on October 4. Cecily Beall reported that the District has also submitted the Regional Haze SIP. Randall Carrol had nothing to report for Maryland.

10. Set Date for Next Meeting, Future Agenda Items, Adjourn, Next TAC Meeting: November 9, 2010