

MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee
1-Page Summary of Policy-Relevant Issues December 6, 2007

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

PM_{2.5} SIP

- Technical corrections were received and incorporated into the SIP. The TAC agreed to recommend the draft SIP to MWAQC for release for public comments. The current plan is for MWAQC to approve a draft SIP for public comment in December. Local commitment letters are needed by December 12. The draft SIP is posted at the following site:
<http://sharepoint.mwcog.org/airquality/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

PM_{2.5} Local Area and Unmonitored Area Analysis

- The City of Alexandria expressed concerns that the draft PM_{2.5} SIP does not address potential hotspots from the Potomac River Power Plant in Alexandria. The city will provide written suggestions that may be incorporated into the SIP before December 12. Virginia DEQ believes that based on monitoring data there are no PM_{2.5} hotspots in the region.

COG Climate Change Initiative

- The Climate Change Steering Committee (CCSC) began discussing possible regional reduction targets in November.
- The IRE presented the results of a survey of programs being implemented in the metropolitan Washington region that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- The University of Maryland presented information on potential local impacts of climate change.
- A joint meeting of the Energy Advisory Committee (EAC) and the Greenhouse Gas Emission workgroup was held to continue work on a regional inventory and on possible reduction goals.

Transportation Conformity

- TPB plans to release this year's conformity determination at the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) on December 13.

Stakeholder Nominations

- Applications for stakeholder positions for 2008 were distributed. Applications are due by December 28.

State and Local Air Agency Update

- States continue to work on completing regional haze SIPs, climate initiatives, and finalizing the regulations for the OTC VOC model rules. Virginia DEQ held a mercury symposium in Newport News. The Virginia Air Board charged Virginia DEQ with developing a draft permit for a stack merge at the Potomac River Power Plant in Alexandria. Maryland is finalizing its RGGI and Clean Cars regulations.

Upcoming Events

- AQPAC. December 10.
- MWAQC. December 12.
- Joint meeting of Energy Advisory Committee and Greenhouse Gas Emission Workgroup. Jan 17.