

## **Base Year 2017 – Status of Public Hearing and Comment Process**

### **Background**

The Metropolitan Washington Air Quality (MWAQC) approved the base year 2017 emissions inventory document for the Washington, DC-MD-VA 2015 marginal ozone nonattainment area on February 26, 2020 for the purposes of public hearing and comment process. Below is the status of those processes for each jurisdiction.

#### District of Columbia

A notice was posted for the process that started on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and ended with a virtual public hearing on May 4<sup>th</sup>. No comments were received.

#### Maryland

A notice was posted for the process that started on March 6<sup>th</sup>. The comment period will end on May 26<sup>th</sup> with a virtual public hearing on May 21<sup>st</sup>. No comments have been received till date.

#### Virginia

A notice was posted for the process that started on April 27<sup>th</sup> and will end on May 27<sup>th</sup> without a public hearing due to the COVID-19 issue. In case, somebody requests a public hearing, a new 30-day comment period will start. No comments have been received till date.

#### Technical Corrections

EPA published NEI 2017 final data on April 30, 2020. Following this, Virginia plans to update emissions for a few categories in the BY2017 emissions inventory. The District and Maryland do not plan to update their inventories at this time.

#### Base Year 2017 Inventory Schedule

The revised BY 2017 inventory with updated emissions received from Virginia will be presented in the May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting of MWAQC. Since May 27 also happens to be the last date for receiving public comment for Virginia and since the Maryland public hearing may not have been held yet, the committee will be unable to take formal action. Therefore, MWAQC will be asked to approve a resolution authorizing the MWAQC-Executive Committee to approve the inventory on behalf of MWAQC upon completion of all three public comment periods.