

Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee

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Dave Paylor, Chair
Ozone Transport Commission
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Dear Mr. Paylor:

On behalf of MWAQC, thank you for your efforts at coordinating the regional attainment modeling process. We appreciate the Commission's determination to find measures that will improve the air quality for every state and metropolitan area within the OTR. We want to do our part in the metropolitan Washington region to improve air quality for our residents and neighboring states. To do that, we need to know the OTC's recommendations in early February.

Accordingly, the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) urges the Ozone Transport Commission to meet next in early February 2007 because our region's draft SIP must be completed by early March. As the policy body responsible for air quality planning in the metropolitan Washington, DC-MD-VA region, MWAQC needs the latest OTC recommendations in time to adopt any additional measures that might be needed to meet the ozone standard.

MWAQC, a multi-state planning body, has a SIP approval process that may be longer than individual state SIP approval processes. Next year MWAQC must approve a draft SIP for public hearing no later than March 15 so that public hearings can be held, comments received can be addressed, and a final SIP can be approved in late May for the states' submittal to EPA by the June 15, 2007 deadline.

Your ability to meet and act early rather than later in February will make a difference. Thank you for your help with this matter,

Sincerely,



Phil Mendelson, Chair
Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee

Cc: Christopher Recchia , Executive Director
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