

**MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee**  
**1-Page Summary of Policy-Relevant Issues September 9, 2008 Meeting**

Key policy-relevant issues discussed at the September 9 meeting are summarized below.

CAIR Vacatur/SIP Planning Options

- Both the PM and ozone SIPs, recently submitted to EPA, include reference to the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR), and as such may not be approvable by EPA because of the CAIR vacatur.
- Options being considered in response to the CAIR Vacatur include requesting a clean data determination for the PM SIP, and revising the ozone SIP to remove references to CAIR.
- States are also discussing the possibility of requesting redesignation to attainment for the 1997 PM standard.

PM Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan

- It may be possible to request redesignation to attainment with the 1997 PM NAAQS. A maintenance plan will be required that would establish new base year, interim year, and outyear emission caps and motor vehicle emission budgets.
- States and EPA are considering options for attainment base, interim, and outyear planning milestones.

Ozone Season Summary

- There have been 16 exceedance days this season, including 3 code red days. The highest concentration was 112 ppb on July 17 at the Aurora Hills monitor.
- There have been 2 exceedances of the new daily 35 ug/m<sup>3</sup> PM NAAQS, on June 14 and July 18. The exceedances may have been influenced by forest fires in North Carolina so could be categorized as an exceptional event.

PM Designation

- EPA has proposed that the metropolitan Washington region be designated as attainment with the 2006 PM NAAQS.

COG Climate Change Report

- The COG Board approved release of the Climate Change Report for public comment. Comments are due by September 30.
- The Climate Change Steering Committee will revise the report in October for final Board action on November 12.

Upcoming Meetings

AQPAC September 15

TPB September 17

MWAQC September 24

CCSC October 22