

MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee
1-Page Summary of Policy-Relevant Issues
January 12, 2006

Key policy-relevant issues discussed at the January 12 meeting are summarized below.

State Regulations on Power Plants

- Maryland released its proposed Clean Power Rule which will ensure that reductions needed to attain are made locally. The rule will impact NO_x, SO₂, and mercury at the largest power plants in Maryland. Reductions will be phased in starting in 2009.
- The Virginia CAIR rule was adopted as a proposal. Public comment period will be in the next couple of months.
- The Virginia mercury rule was not adopted as a proposal. The draft regulation will be reconsidered, particularly as it relates to allowance trading.

Attainment Modeling Update

- Proposed base case modeling scenarios developed by the Attainment Modeling Subcommittee are being circulated for comment.
- Base case runs will be run using different assumptions about emissions from power plants to reflect potential baseline conditions under CAIR or state regulatory programs.
- Emissions inventories for 2009 need to be completed for use in attainment modeling.
- Preliminary results are expected in January/February.

Emissions Inventory Update

- The Emissions Inventory Subcommittee will meet soon to decide on priorities for mobile inventory development.
- A decision on the methodology for annual inventories for the mobile sector is pending.

Control Measures Development

- The control measures workgroup is closely tracking the progress of the OTC process. The OTC intends to release draft straw proposals for each of the proposed regional initiatives at a public meeting on January 24. The methodologies and inputs for the OTC process will then be used to complete estimates of the emission reduction potential of measures on the DC region's priorities list.

Subcommittee Structure

- The TAC agreed to a proposal to rotate the chairs of the TAC subcommittees by jurisdiction. If needed, the rotation process will be reconsidered at the end of 2006.
- It was agreed to get the MWAQC Executive Committee's feedback on the rotation policy.

Stakeholder Nomination Process

- Stakeholder nominations were received for 2006. All of the current stakeholder participants reapplied. There were no other nominations. After consultation with the Executive Committee, the TAC Chair recommended that the four participants be re-appointed for 2006.

State and Local Air Agency Report

- Stan Tracey reported that the District is evaluating the requirements for CAIR and intends to have the necessary regulations in place by September.
- Tad Aburn reported that Maryland is working on a variety of regulatory initiatives, including CAIR, the Clean Power Rule (CPR), NSR reform, and mercury. He proposed collaboration between the three states to adopt a regional power plant control program based on the CPR.
- Jim Sydnor reported that there is a bill in the Virginia General Assembly that is proposing to alter the vehicle inspection program requirements for new vehicles. All three

jurisdictions expressed some concern about this initiative and the potential impact to SIP commitments.

Upcoming Events

- Control Measures Workgroup Call. January 17
- TPB. January 18
- AQPAC. January 23
- OTC Public Meeting. January 24
- Businesses for the Bay Idling Workshop. January 30