



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** MWAQC-TAC  
**FROM:** COG Staff  
**SUBJECT:** Solicitation of Priority Measures and Supporting Documentation including Short-Term Emissions Reduction Measures  
**DATE:** March 8, 2022

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As part of the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) requirements, the Washington DC-MD-VA nonattainment area is currently expected to submit an Attainment Plan by January 1, 2023. Recent draft 2019-2021 data suggests that the region has attained the standard. If the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issues a Clean Data Determination (CDD), this would allow states to submit a redesignation request to the EPA, thus allowing the region to submit a Maintenance Plan instead of the Attainment Plan. COG staff are developing components of both Attainment and Maintenance Plans. As part of this planning process, staff have been working on the development of strategies and options to reduce emissions.

Last year, COG staff held a number of Control Measures Workgroup meetings, reviewing a master list of measures and developing a list of priority control measures for inclusion in the SIP. The Priority List included several existing strategies which may provide the region with the necessary emission reductions to attain the 2015 Ozone NAAQS. The Control Measures Workgroup added a few potential strategies to the Priority List (attached). These measures were proposed for inclusion by workgroup members to provide further emissions reduction benefits.

As a next step, COG staff are requesting any additional proposed measures for inclusion in the priority list. In addition, state and local representatives are requested to provide more detailed information on each of their proposals. COG staff request that proposed measures are provided back to staff in the format of the attached template. States and local representatives should provide a brief description of the control measure, how the measure would be implemented in the metropolitan Washington region, where it is currently implemented (if applicable), the estimated emissions reduction benefit from implementation of the measure, as well as the estimated cost of implementation.

Please provide suggested new measures as well as detailed documentation of priority measures by April 8, 2022.

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