

MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee
1-Page Summary of Policy-Relevant Issues October 10, 2006

Key policy-relevant issues discussed at the October 10 meeting are summarized below.

SIP Schedule

- The two outstanding SIP issues are contingency planning and attainment modeling.
- The draft SIP may be available for review in early November.
- A stakeholder input meeting will be held on October 19.

Contingency Planning

- The 8-hour ozone SIP will require a contingency plan for potential attainment or RFP failures. Emission reductions in the amount of 3 percent of the adjusted 2002 base case inventory must be available for implementation in 2010/2011.
- To assess potential contingency measures, staff are investigating the potential on- and non-road reductions expected after 2009.

Attainment Modeling

- The next attainment modeling efforts will reflect recently updated inventories from the Regional Planning Organizations (RPOs). Updated modeling results are expected in October/November.
- The Attainment Modeling Subcommittee is continuing work on weight-of-evidence analyses.

Conformity Subcommittee

- The Conformity Subcommittee prepared a draft comment letter on the conformity determination for the 2006 CLRP and 2007-2012 TIP. The letter was recommended to be forwarded to MWAQC for approval.

Local Government Initiatives

- The Local Government Initiatives Subcommittee continues to seek commitments from member jurisdictions to include local voluntary measures in the SIP. The survey results identify a number of potential measures to include in the voluntary bundle, including wind energy purchases, diesel retrofits, low-emission vehicle purchases, LED traffic signal retrofits, use of low-VOC paints, urban heat island mitigation, Green Building initiatives, and a variety of episodic programs.
- Formal commitment letters from the local jurisdictions will be needed by the end of the year for inclusion in the SIP.

Non-road Survey

- ERG and NuStats are conducting a survey of non-road equipment in the Washington region. An advance letter has been prepared seeking participation in the survey. The letter will be sent by Ron Kirby, Director of Transportation Planning at COG.

State Air Agency Update

- The state air agencies are working to prepare CAIR/CAMR SIPs. RACT SIPs have been submitted to EPA.

Upcoming Events

- TPB. October 18.
- Air Quality Town Meeting. October 19.
- EPA PM Training. October 16-18.
- MWAQC. October 25.