

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

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

Attainment Modeling Results

- Draft 2002 base case and 2009 future base case modeling results are complete. Results of modeling indicate that emission reduction from existing On-the-Books and On-the-Way (OTB/OTW) measures will lead to lower ozone concentrations at all monitors in the region in 2009. Most monitors will have Design Values below the 8-hour ozone threshold of 85ppb. There are several monitors that will have Design Values above the threshold, suggesting that additional control measures will be needed. Next steps are to select potential control strategies for the region for 2009 future control case modeling runs.

Emissions Inventory

- Emission Inventories for 2009 are still being finalized for each source category. Once local SIP inventories are completed, they will be used to calculate RFP requirements and will need to be reconciled with the modeling inventory.

Ozone Transport Commission Update

- The Ozone Transport Commission held a Special Meeting of the OTC Commissioners on February 22. The OTC will move forward with model rule development for Consumer Products and Architectural and Industrial Maintenance coatings (AIMs) controls, defeat device chip reflash for heavy duty diesel engines, and will support diesel emission reduction through the Mid-Atlantic Diesel Collaborative.

Control Measures Development

- The control measures workgroup is evaluating Reasonably Available Control Measures (RACM) for the mobile source sector for potential adoption for the 8-hour ozone SIP.
- The control measure workgroup will meet in March to develop recommendations for control strategy scenarios for future control case modeling.

Draft Comments on TPB Conformity Scope of Work

- The TAC reviewed and approved for recommendation to MWAQC a draft comment letter prepared by the Conformity Subcommittee addressing TPB's Conformity Scope of Work for the 2006 CLRP and 2007-2012 TIP.
- The letter states that MWAQC supports the approach proposed by TPB for handling conformity during the interim period before new mobile budgets are set.

MWAQC Work Program and Budget

- The TAC reviewed and approved for recommendation to MWAQC a draft MWAQC Work Program and Budget for FY 2007.

SIP Schedule

- The SIP schedule will be revised to reflect new expectations about dates for completion of final 2009 SIP inventories, attainment modeling future control case runs, and final RFP calculations. SIP transmittal to IAQC is anticipated in January - February 2007.

Local Government Initiatives Subcommittee

- The Local Government Initiatives Subcommittee is collecting data from local jurisdictions on the status of local air quality programs in terms of plans and funding to help inform decisions on new commitments for the 8-hour ozone SIP.

Upcoming Events

- MWAQC. March 22
- Control Measure Workgroup Call. March 23
- EPA SIP Training. March 28-29
- Emission Inventory Call. March 31