

MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
March 12, 10:10 AM to 12:05 PM

Present:

Cecily Beall, District Department of the Environment
Jessica Daniels, District Department of the Environment
Ram Tangirala, District Department of the Environment
Shanaz Daneshdoost, District Department of the Environment
Tom Ballou, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Doris McLeod, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Elizabeth Gayne, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Sonya Lewis-Cheatham, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Austina Casey, District Department of Transportation
Diane Franks, Maryland Department of the Environment
Brian Hug, Maryland Department of the Environment
Randy Carroll, Maryland Department of the Environment
Kanti Srikanth, Virginia Department of Transportation
Jim Ponticello, Virginia Department of Transportation
Chris Voigt, Virginia Department of Transportation
Barbara Hardy, Fairfax County Department of Health
Edward Nantamu, Fairfax County Department of Health
Walter Seedlock, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority
Gwen Kennedy, Loudoun County
Monica Backmon, Prince William County
Khoa Tran, City of Alexandria
John Kinsman, Edison Electric Institute
Jasmy Methipara

Staff:

Sunil Kumar, COG/DEP
Joan Rohlf, COG/DEP
Jeff King, COG/DEP
Jane Posey, COG/DTP
Eulalie Lucas, COG/DTP
Elena Constantine, COG/DTP

1. Call to Order and Review of Meeting Summary (February 12, 2013)

Cecily Beall called the meeting to order at 10:30 AM. The February 12, 2013 meeting summary was approved without any changes.

2. PM2.5 Redesignation Request & Maintenance: Public comment and responses

Sunil Kumar provided a summary of all comments received from EPA, Dominion, and Sierra Club on the PM2.5 Redesignation Request & Maintenance. He then summarized the response to these comments provided by DDOE, VDEQ, and MDE. Kanti asked if there will be a common (regional) response to all comments. Cecily said it will be a common response. Doris suggested changing the title of the response document so that it refers to the Washington DC-MD-VA area instead of Northern Virginia since that document first developed by VDEQ now includes response from all three jurisdictions.

Tad said that the response from MDE is not ready yet. MDE staff will get in touch with Sierra Club to discuss MDE's response to their comments and will send its final comments before the MWAQC meeting (March 27).

3. MWAQC Comment Letter: Amendment to Updated 2012 CLRP Analysis

Sunil Kumar briefed on the draft comment letter to be sent to TPB by MWAQC. He also talked about the additional language proposed by MDE to include in the letter. Kanti said VDOT cannot support MDE language. He said VDOT provides information about air quality to the public officials regularly. Monica Backmon provides this information in a memorandum on a monthly basis. He saw a need for providing the air quality information in an easily understandable format to the public officials. He suggested adding couple sentences to address MDE's concern. Doris said the conformity analysis is meant for addressing the mobile budgets. If the region does not attain the 2008 ozone standard in 2015, then we would work on it. Tad said that the letter does not mention that the current mobile budget is meant for the 1997 ozone standard and not for the 2008 ozone standard. Ram suggested adding a sentence to address this. Tad said the letter needs to mention that more work is needed to meet the new ozone standard. Tina did not agree with Tad. She said the ozone design value data conveys everything in the letter. Joan suggested everybody to send their comments on the letter. If the letters are diverse then there would be a call to discuss this. She said since the deadline for commenting on the 2012 CLRP analysis is March 15, the call would need to be held before that date.

4. Current Ozone Data and Scenarios for Attainment of 2008 Ozone NAAQS

Sunil Kumar briefed on the memorandum that described the current ozone data and the various scenarios leading to the attainment of the 2008 ozone standard. He also mentioned the staff recommendation of holding a technical workshop on the issue of the attainment of the 2008 ozone standard. Tad said MDE would like to add another option to the memo of speeding up the effort to provide clean air. He liked the idea of the technical workshop and suggested including ozone health impact data (hospitalization, asthma cases, etc.) for the workshop after getting them from OTC and NESCAUM. Cecily suggested discussing state regulations and control programs for this workshop.

Kanti supported the idea of a workshop. He said even though not required the region will be working on the Reasonable Further Progress Plan (RFP). He added that he was not sure if Virginia can speed up the process of attaining the standard. Doris said the Clean Air Act permits one year extension if there is clean data in 2015. Tad said he does not support the extension. He also said that even though the Clean Air Act prescribes a last date for attainment of the 2008 ozone standard, it also says that the standard needs to be attained as expeditiously as possible.

Joan suggested April 8 for the workshop. Tom Ballou said EPA will be holding a meeting with states in North Carolina to discuss interstate transport issues. Doris suggested holding the workshop in May as she felt that more time is needed to gather and analyze the information for the workshop. Kanti suggested having a planning call in April to discuss the draft agenda for the workshop.

5. Draft MWAQC FY 2014 Work Program & Budget

Joan Rohlf provided a brief description of the draft FY 2014 work program and budget, which was then discussed by the group. Joan informed the group about a call on March 15 to discuss the work program and budget by state air and transportation agencies and TPB.

6. Brief Updates

- a. EPA's Final Integrated Science Assessment for Ozone
- b. Public Hearing on permit for proposed Stonewall power plant (Loudoun county)

Item 6a was not discussed by the group due to lack of time. Sunil Kumar informed the group about the upcoming public hearing and an opportunity to provide comments for the proposed Loudoun county power plant.

7. State and Local Updates

Diane Franks, Cecily Beall, and Doris McLeod reported for Maryland, District, and Virginia respectively. There were no specific updates provided.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 PM.