

**MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**July 11, 2023, 10 AM to 11:30 AM**

**Present:**

Catherine Salarano, Maryland Department of the Environment  
Chris Voigt, Virginia Department of Transportation  
Dawn Hawkins-Nixon, Prince George's County  
Doris McLeod, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Hannah Ashenafi, District Department of Energy & Environment  
Jim Ponticello, Virginia Department of Transportation  
John Kinsman, Edison Electric Institute  
Joseph Jakuta, District Department of Energy & Environment  
Kari Snyder, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Malcolm Watson, Fairfax County Department of Transportation  
Marcia Ways, Maryland Department of the Environment  
Marc Aveni, Loudoun County  
Melissa Atwood, City of Alexandria  
Randy Mosier, Maryland Department of the Environment  
Richard Dooley, Arlington County  
Sophia Cortazzo, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Sonya Lewis-Cheatham, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Thomas Foster, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Tom Ballou, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Virginia Burke, Maryland Department of Transportation

**Staff:**

Sunil Kumar, COG/DEP  
Alissa Boggs, COG/DEP  
Cristina Finch, COG/DTP  
Erin Morrow, COG/DTP  
Jane Posey, COG/DTP  
Jeff King, COG/DEP  
Jen Desimone, COG/DEP  
Jinchul Park, COG/DTP  
Leah Boggs, COG/DEP  
Mark Moran, COG/DTP  
Robert Christopher, COG/DEP  
Tim Masters, COGDEP  
Wanda Owens, COG/DTP

**1. Call to Order and Review of Meeting Summary**

Tom Ballou called the meeting to order at 10 AM. The June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting summary was approved without changes.

Tom mentioned that Mr. Tad Aburn's letters concerning the 2008 NAAQS Maintenance Plan Update and Environmental Justice issues were distributed to the entire MWAQC-TAC as requested by Mr. Aburn. As directed by MWAQC, COG staff is currently working on that issue and will report to MWAQC-TAC soon.

**2. 2008 Ozone NAAQS Maintenance Plan Update**

Sunil Kumar provided update on the status of public hearing and comment processes being

undertaken by state air agencies for the plan.

### **3. Ozone Season Update**

Sunil Kumar briefed members on the latest data of the 2023 ozone season. There were a total of 14 ozone and fine particle exceedances this year as of July 4<sup>th</sup> out of which three were code red for fine particles. The draft ozone design value for the period 2021-2023 was 71 ppb. Tom said that we would need to evaluate the impact of these exceedances on the attainment status of the area. He added that we would need to possibly identify some of these ozone data as being out of the ordinary so we could use the exceptional event exemption request process.

### **4. Loudoun County Energy Strategy**

Marc Aveni briefed members on Loudoun County's energy strategy. The Overall Energy Strategy Consists of 3 broad goal areas, 10 general strategies, and 31 specific action templates. The strategy was approved by Board of Supervisors in February 2023. It will contribute to Virginia's goal of net zero GHG emissions 2045, carbon free grid by 2050, and will ensure energy is clean, reliable, and affordable. It includes both quantitative and qualitative goals and has the ability to pivot for any updates to Virginia Clean Economy Act or changes in Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) participation.

### **5. Update on CSAPR Rule**

Tim Masters provided update to members on the CSAPR rule and the final Good Neighbor Plan. EPA is amending the GNP on an interim basis to implement the Court orders and stay the rule's requirements to mitigate interstate air pollution with respect to the 2015 ozone NAAQS for facilities in Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Texas when those requirements go into effect for facilities in other states on August 4, 2023. This action also ensures that facilities in these states will continue to be subject to previously established requirements to mitigate interstate air pollution with respect to other ozone NAAQS. This stay of the GNP as to these states will remain in effect until EPA takes subsequent action upon the resolution of litigation over its disapproval of these states' SIP revisions submitted to address good neighbor obligations for the 2015 ozone NAAQS. Facilities in these six states will be subject to requirements promulgated in prior good neighbor rulemakings to address the transport of smog-forming air pollution for the 1997 and 2008 ozone NAAQS. For the remaining states, the Good Neighbor Plan will go into effect on August 4, 2023.

### **6. Regional Electric Vehicle Deployment**

Robert Christopher briefed members on Regional Electric Vehicle Deployment efforts in the Washington region. The COG Board formed a Regional Electric Vehicle Deployment (REVD) Working Group to serve as a venue for members to cooperate and coordinate action with the approval of Resolution R40 2022, and it also called for the creation of an EV Deployment Clearinghouse. COG's Climate, Energy, and Air Program will establish and maintain an Electric Vehicle Deployment Clearinghouse. A working group will be established under CEEPC and focus on:

- Information sharing and collaborating on EV plans
- Developing policy templates for planning, zoning, and permitting
- Developing model partnership agreements (Site hosting, O&M, etc.)
- Developing white papers on "deal structures"
- Developing model incentive programs
- Identifying and supporting opportunities to pursue regional grants

### **7. State/Local Updates**

Virginia- Tom said that EPA notified that it awarded \$3m climate pollution reduction grant to Virginia.

Maryland- None

District- Hannah said that the public comment period started and will end on July 24<sup>th</sup> for the Alternative NOx RACT regulation.

The meeting ended at 11:30 am.