

MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
December 12, 2017, 10:00 AM to 11:05 AM

Present:

Cecily Beall, District Department of Energy & Environment
Ram Tangirala, District Department of Energy & Environment
Alexandra Catena, District Department of Energy & Environment
Doris McLeod, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Sonya Lewis-Cheatham, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Alex Brun, Maryland Department of the Environment
Kary Snyder, Maryland Department of Transportation
Ujjval Shukla, Maryland Department of Transportation
Jim Ponticello, Virginia Department of Transportation
Chris Voigt, Virginia Department of Transportation
Regina Moore, Virginia Department of Transportation
Tina Casey, District Department of Transportation

Staff:

Sunil Kumar, COG/DEP
Steve Walz, COG/DEP
Tim Masters, COG/DEP
Jen Desimone, COG/DEP
Amanda Campbell, COG/DEP
Jane Posey, COG/DTP
Ron Milone, COG/DTP
Dusan Vuksan, COG/DTP

1. Call to Order and Review of Meeting Summary

Cecily Beall called the meeting to order at 10 am. The November 17 meeting summary was approved without any changes.

2. Draft 2008 Ozone NAAQS Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan

Sunil discussed the comments received from EPA and Sierra Club as part of the public comment process and the final responses to those comments. He specifically mentioned the citations provided by EPA, which were included in the response prepared for the comment provided by Sierra Club regarding the approval of the RACT SIP. Ram suggested defining “States” mentioned on the first page of Appendix F. Cecily suggested adding “States” under parenthesis after the word “DOEE” in the first paragraph of the first page. Everybody agreed with that suggestion. After this MWAQC-TAC recommended to MWAQC the final review and approval of the plan in MWAQC’s December 20th meeting.

3. Draft MWAQC/CEPF/CBWRPC Comment Letter - EPA Proposal to Repeal Clean Power Plan

Steve discussed the draft joint MWAQC/CEEPC/CBWRPC comment letter for EPA’s proposal to repeal the Clean Power Plan. He pointed out the changes from the last version of the letter that was sent around to MWAQC-TAC before the meeting. Alex Brun said MDE likes the inclusion of the edits it provided, but would like to see some more description of the contribution made by the states towards the GHG emissions reduction. Steve said he would work with MDE staff to get additional language added to the letter and would then share them

with the group. Cecily asked for the steps going further. Steve explained that.

4. ACPAC's Proposed Scope of Work for Qualitative Analysis of Local Measures

Amanda summarized the proposed scope of work for the "What Can We Do" analysis. Cecily asked about the budget for this project Jen said that it will be covered under the existing MWACQ budget. Kary said that MDOT will be more supporting of the project if something new comes out of it. Steve referred to the TASK 2 deliverables mentioned in the proposed project SoW for the new outcomes. Amanda said that The Gold Book did not have any estimation of emission benefits and prioritization of measures. The Multi-Sector Working Group only included emission benefits estimation, but no prioritization. This project will include estimation of emissions benefits and the prioritization of measures that could be implemented. Ram said states may not have the ability to implement many measures due the region being a marginal ozone nonattainment area. Therefore, measures that could be implemented by the local governments would need to be in focus in this project. Ram asked about the status of the budget for the anti-idling project. Jen said that the partial funding is confirmed so some kind of campaign could be undertaken.

5. Visualize 2045 (Conformity Analysis) & FY2019-2024 TIP

Jane Posey discussed the scope of work and the technical inputs to be used in the Visualize 2045 conformity and FY2019-2024 TIP analysis. The Cooperative Forecast Round 9.1 projections and December 2016 vehicle registration data will be used in the analysis. Mobile budgets developed for the 2008 ozone NAAQS maintenance plan will be used along with the current mobile budgets in the Visualize 2045 conformity analysis. The milestone years are 2018, 2020, 2025, 2030, 2040, and 2045.

6. State & Local Updates

Cecily said that the District was planning to organize a public hearing on the VW mitigation plan January/February. Maryland and Virginia did not have any updates.

7. Adjourn

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.