

Survey of Local Air Quality Programs

The Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) is developing a new air quality plan to meet the federal standards for ozone. MWAQC has asked COG staff to collect data on programs being implemented by local jurisdictions that provide air quality benefits for possible inclusion in the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for meeting EPA's 8-hour ozone standard.

Programs that have been identified as priorities for potential inclusion in the SIP include:

- Renewable Energy/Wind Energy Purchase Commitments
- School Bus Retrofits
- Other Diesel Vehicle Retrofits
- Low-Emission Vehicle Purchases
- Use of Low VOC Paints
- LED Traffic Signal Retrofits
- Energy Efficiency Programs/Energy Performance Contracting

Other programs that are being considered include:

- Urban Heat Island Mitigation and Tree Canopy Programs
- Green Building Initiatives
- Enhanced Enforcement (Idling, Solvent Cleaning)

Attached please find survey forms for use in reporting data on programs in your jurisdiction. COG staff will use the information provided to estimate air emission benefits of the programs.

Provision of data does not constitute a commitment to implement any measures for the SIP. Those decisions and written commitments will be under the purview of each participating jurisdiction. Please see the attached process and schedule for developing local voluntary program commitments for the SIP.

Please complete and submit the forms no later than September 22, 2006.

Submit forms to:

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Local Innovative Voluntary Air Quality Measures

Process and Schedule

Task	Timeframe
Identify Points of Contact	Aug 4, 2006
Circulate Survey of Local Air Quality Programs	Aug 11, 2006
Brief COG CAOs	September 6, 2006
Deadline for Data Survey Responses	September 22, 2006
Commitment Letters to State Air Agency	October 10, 2006
Brief COG Board	October 11, 2006
MWAQC Approval of Local Innovative Measures	October 25, 2006
MWAQC Approval - Draft SIP	Oct/Nov 2006