

## **MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee 1-Page Summary of Policy-Relevant Issues March 6, 2007**

Key policy-relevant issues discussed at the March 6 meeting are summarized below.

### Draft SIP

- The draft SIP was posted on COG's website on February 27. Comments are due March 8. A revised version of the SIP will be posted on March 9. MWAQC will consider approval of the draft SIP for public hearings on March 15.

### Public Hearings

- Public hearings on the 8-hour ozone SIP will be held in April. The hearings will be held on the following dates and times: Maryland on April 23, 2007 at 6pm; Virginia on April 24, 2007 at 6:30pm, and the District of Columbia on April 25, 2007 at 6 pm.

### Local Government Initiatives

- Local governments are committing to a number of programs for the 8-hour ozone SIP. Programs include renewable energy purchases, building energy efficiency, Green Buildings, urban tree canopy, and use of low-VOC paints. Formal commitment letters from the local jurisdictions have been received.

### Use of Mobile Measures in the SIP

- MWAQC and TPB staff reviewed the list of local mobile measures to estimate potential reductions, ensure consistency, and to ensure there is no duplication with existing TERMS. At the request of local governments, diesel retrofits and low-emission vehicle purchases were removed from the bundle and will be reserved for use as TERMS or in weight of evidence.

### Contingency Planning

- The 8-hour ozone SIP includes a contingency plan for potential attainment or RFP failures. Emission reductions in the amount of 3 percent of the adjusted 2002 base case inventory are available for implementation in 2010/2011.
- Contingency measures include CAIR and Portable Fuel Container (PFC) rule reductions between 2008-2009 for RFP contingency; and PFC rule, federal non-road rule, and federal on-road rule reductions by 2011 for attainment contingency.
- Use of the federal on-road reductions as contingency will require that a 2010 mobile budget be established. TPB agreed to provide up to 9 tpd of NO<sub>x</sub> reductions for use in setting a 2010 mobile budget for use in the contingency plan. The 2010 mobile budget for NO<sub>x</sub> will be 1.8 tpd less than the 2009 NO<sub>x</sub> budget.

### Weight of Evidence

- Maryland will include two new programs in the 8-hour ozone SIP as weight of evidence. They include a code orange day telecommuting program and a high electricity demand day (HEDD) initiative.

### Special Meeting of the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC)

- At the special OTC meeting on March 2, several states in the Ozone Transport Region (OTR) signed an MOU agreeing to implement a high electricity demand day (HEDD) initiative and include the initiative in the 8-hour ozone SIP. Maryland is one of the signatories. The other OTC action was a statement on the need to continue to work with the federal government to achieve additional cost effective reductions from the electricity generating sector.

### State Air Agency Update

- In Maryland, the legislature continues to consider greenhouse gas legislation.
- The District is finalizing its CAIR and OTC VOC regulations.

### Upcoming Events

- MWAQC. March 15.