

Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: December 10, 2008

Time: 10:00 am– 11:30 am

Place: National Press Club, Zenger Room

529 14th St., NW 13th Floor

Washington, D.C. 20045

***Annual Meeting and Luncheon of the COG Board of Directors begins at 11:30 am, National Press Club**

AGENDA

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- 10:00 1. Call to Order; Approval of Minutes, Chair's Remarks**
- 10:05 2. Committee Reports**
- A. Report of the Technical Advisory Committee**
 - B. Report of the Air Quality Public Advisory Committee**
 - C. Report of the Clean Air Partners**
- 10:20 3. Ozone Season Update**
- 10:30 4. AQPAC Bylaws Revision: ACTION**
- 10:40 5. Clean Data Determination: Update**
- 10:50 6. COG Action on Climate Change Report**
- 11:00 7. State and Local Air Reports**
- 11:10 8. New Business**
- 11:20 9. Nomination and Election of Officers for 2009**
- 11:30 10. Date for Next Meeting and Adjourn**
Next Meeting Date: January 28, 2009

COG Annual Meeting and Awards Lunch, National Press Club
11:30 Reception
12:00 Lunch



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Item 1. Approval of Minutes, Announcements, Chairman's Report

Presenter: Hon. Dave Snyder, MWAQC Chair

Description:

Chair will call for approval of Meeting Summary for September 24, 2008, and for amendments to the agenda.

Recommended Action:

Approve minutes

Item 2.

Committee Reports

- **Report of the Technical Advisory Committee**
Diane Franks, Chair
- **Report of the Air Quality Public Advisory Committee**
Deron Lovaas, Chair
- **Report of the Clean Air Partners**
Harriet West, Managing Director

Item 3. Ozone Season Update

Presenter: Sunil Kumar, Senior Environmental Engineer

Description:

Although data for the 2008 ozone season is preliminary until EPA quality-assures the data in the spring, staff will give an overview of what the 2008 ozone and PM_{2.5} data show at this stage. The season offers evidence that the region is continuing to make progress in reducing both ozone and PM_{2.5}.

Recommended Action:

Briefing

Materials:

Summary of 2008 Ozone Season

Item 4. AQPAC Bylaws Revision: ACTION

Presenter: Hon. Phil Mendelson, MWAQC/AQPAC Review Committee

Description:

The MWAQC/AQPAC Review Committee is recommending proposed changes to the Air Quality Public Advisory Committee (AQPAC)'s bylaws.

The proposed bylaws amendment includes the following changes:

- Climate change is added to the mission statement to allow AQPAC to represent to MWAQC diverse community interests and opinions on air quality issues
- Terms (3 years) are established for organizations and individuals
- Appointment process and schedule is set (MWAQC appoints in January)

Recommended Action:

VOTE to approve

Materials:

Draft AQPAC Bylaws revision

Item 5. Clean Data Determination: Update

Presenter: Joan Rohlfs, Chief, Air Quality Planning

Description:

In September MWAQC voted to request EPA to issue a Clean Data Determination for fine particles (PM_{2.5}) for the Washington metropolitan area. EPA's Clean Data Policy can be requested because the Washington region's monitor data has been in compliance with the 1997 federal health standards for fine particles since 2005.

In the October 22 edition of the Federal Register EPA proposed to issue a Clean Data determination for the Washington region. The comment period closes on November 21. Depending on comments received, EPA could issue the final Clean Data determination in December. The proposed action will require a redesignation request and maintenance plan or SIP, but there is no deadline for either to be submitted.

Recommended Action:

Briefing

Materials:

MWAQC letter to EPA

Federal Register notice, October 22

Item 6. COG Action on Climate Change Report

Presenter: Hon. Nancy Floreen, Chair, Climate Change Steering Committee (CCSC)

Description:

At its November meeting the COG Board of Directors adopted the COG Climate Change Report, including the greenhouse gas emissions targets for 2012, 2020 and 2050. Over 200 comments were received on the report over the summer. Stuart Freudberg and COG Executive Director Dave Robertson presented the report to every local member of the Council of Governments. Ms. Floreen will discuss general comments and changes made to the report.

Recommended Action:

Briefing

Materials:

Press release

Item 9. Nomination and Election of Officers for 2009

Presenter: Hon. Linda Smyth, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

Description: Nominating Committee Report and Election of Officers

The Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers for MWAQC for the year 2009:

Chair: Phil Mendelson
Council Member, Council of the District of Columbia

Vice Chair: Leta Mach
Council Member, Greenbelt City Council

Vice Chair: Jay Fisette
Member, Arlington County Board

Vice Chair: District of Columbia (TBD)

Recommended Action:

Vote to elect officers for 2009