

MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee
1-Page Summary of Policy-Relevant Issues June 8, 2007

Key policy-relevant issues discussed at the June 8 meeting are summarized below.

PM2.5 SIP Development

- Monitoring data for 2004-2006 show that the PM2.5 Design Value is below the 15 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ NAAQS. The region may be able to submit a redesignation request. If redesignated to attainment, the region would have to prepare a maintenance plan.
- A joint meeting of the Attainment Modeling, Conformity, and Emission Inventory Subcommittees was held to discuss significance findings for PM precursors from on-road mobile sources. In addition to direct PM and the precursor NO_x, other potential precursors include SO₂, ammonia, and VOCs. Final recommendations are not anticipated until July.
- A master list of potential control measures for the PM SIP is under development. The control measures workgroup will meet to discuss prioritizing measures.

Ozone Season Summary

- There have been three ozone exceedance days, on May 26, 30, and 31. The peak 8-hour ozone concentration was 91 ppb at the Prince George's Equestrian Center on May 26.
- The maximum 24-hour PM2.5 concentration was 32 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ on May 26.

COG Climate Change Initiative

- A greenhouse gas inventory workgroup will be formed to advise the COG Climate Change Steering Committee on regional inventory development issues. The main items to be considered include base year, future year, emission sources, and inventory methodology.

EPA SIP Guidance

- EPA released two guidance documents that could affect emission inventories for the Washington, DC region. The guidance addresses future EPA Consumer Products, AIMs, and Aerosols regulations, as well as updated MACT standards. The federal Consumer Products and AIMs regulations will not generate new emission reduction credits for the region. The MACT Standards and Aerosol Regulation will be evaluated for potential impacts on future SIP inventories.

State and Local Air Agency Update

- Maryland is working to finalize the OTC VOC rules and a final implementing regulation for the Healthy Air Act. MDE staff are also working on a variety of climate change initiatives including RGGI and the COG Climate Change Steering Committee.
- The District has started the public comment period for its Consumer Products regulation.
- In Alexandria, the Virginia Air Pollution Control Board held a public hearing on a proposed new comprehensive operating permit for the Mirant Potomac River Generating Station.

Upcoming Events

- AQPAC. June 18.
- Greenhouse Gas Inventory Workgroup. June 15.
- Climate Change Steering Committee. June 27.
- EPA PM2.5 Training. June 19-21.
- TAC. July 9.