

**MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting Summary**  
**May 8, 2018, 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**

**Present:**

Cecily Beall, District Department of Energy & Environment  
Ram Tangirala, District Department of Energy & Environment  
Alexandra catena, District Department of Energy & Environment  
Tom Ballou, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Doris McLeod, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Sonya Lewis-Cheatham, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality  
Brian Hug, Maryland Department of the Environment  
Alex Brun, Maryland Department of the Environment  
Chris Voigt, Virginia Department of Transportation  
Regina Moore, Virginia Department of Transportation  
Tina Casey, District Department of Transportation  
Kary Snyder, Maryland Department of Transportation  
Malcolm Watson, Fairfax County  
Mike Lake, Fairfax County  
Stan Edwards, Montgomery County  
John Kinsman, Edison Electric Institute

**Staff:**

Stave Walz, COG DEP  
Sunil Kumar, COG/DEP  
Jen Desimone, COG/DEP  
Jeff King, COG/DEP  
Jane Posey, COG/DTP  
Dusan Vuksan, COG/DTP  
JC Park, COG/DTP  
Erin Morrow, COG DTP  
Ron Milone, COG DTP

**1. Call to Order and Review of Meeting Summary**

Cecily Beall called the meeting to order at 10 am. The April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting summary was approved without any changes.

**2. Ozone Season Summary**

Sunil Kumar presented the summary of the ozone season thus far. There has been only one code orange day in the season as of May 8<sup>th</sup>, which was influenced by both local and transported emissions. Stan Edwards informed the group that the regional wind power purchase program was discontinued in the Montgomery county.

**3. “What Can We Do” Measures**

Sunil discussed the revised version of the “What Can We Do” analysis document. He mentioned that the changes relate to both format and content of the document. He requested inputs on the format issues related to the summary table in the document. Steve described the basis for deciding the priority level. Kary Snyder asked if the political feasibility for the

implementation of the proposed control measures has been considered in deciding the priority level. Sunil said the political feasibility is based on COG staff's judgement and members would need to be provide their inputs on this. Steve requested members to provide their inputs by May 14. Cecily Beall asked about the main purpose of the document. Steve said that it is a guidance document for states and locals.

#### **4. Draft MWAC FY 2019 Work Program & Budget**

Jen Desimone discussed the draft MWAQC FY 2019 work pr0gram & budget. Ram asked about the anti-idling campaign. Jen said at least \$50,000 would be needed to start the campaign. Jen informed the group that she has revised the allocation of funds from tasks not requiring as much work to the task related to local measures and is ready to change again depending on the feedback form members. Ram asked about the carry over fund from the previous year. Jen said that she does not have a good estimate as not all funds for FY 2018 have been received. Cecily said this needs to be addressed soon. Ram outlined three important tasks for this budget - baseline emissions inventory, anti-idling, and the WCWD project. Regarding the task for MWAQC's strategic planning, Ron Milone suggested incorporating what other MPOs and states are doing in their strategic planning efforts.

#### **5. A. 2015 Ozone NAAQS Designation**

Sunil discussed EPA's final designations for the 2015 ozone NAAQS. There is no change in the list for the nonattainment area counties and cities from the 2008 ozone NAAQS. Also, the nonattainment level is marginal, which is the same as the 2008 ozone NAAQS. Cecily said that earlier the baseline year for the 2015 ozone NAAQS seemed to be 2016, but now 2017 also seems to be under consideration. Ram said since the submittal date for the NEI is most likely February 2019, 2017 seems unlikely as the baseline year submittal date is August 2020. Jane Posey informed the group that 2021 being the attainment year for the 2015 ozone NAAQS, it will be added to the transportation conformity analysis.

#### **5. B. Proposed EPA Rule for Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science**

Sunil discussed EPA's proposal to strengthen transparency in regulatory science. Ram said that a number of entities have expressed concern that EPA is diluting the process in the garb of transparency. Another comment is to extend the deadline. Ram suggested developing a general letter expressing concerns and requesting to extend the deadline for MWAQC. Doris said she would like to get in touch with Tom Ballou before saying anything on the letter. Brian said he supports a general letter. Steve said that COG staff will develop a draft letter and send it to the group for inputs.

#### **5. C. EPA's Appeal to Reconsider Court Decision Regarding 1997 Ozone NAAQS Revocation**

Sunil discussed EPA's recent appeal to reconsider the Court's decision to reinstate the 1997 ozone NAAQS in South Coast vs EPA case.

#### **6. State & Local Updates**

None of the jurisdictions had any updates.

#### **7. Adjourn**

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 am.