Protocol for Air Quality Forecast Update for Current Day

Air-quality forecasts released the preceding afternoon are reassessed using observations gathered since the forecast was issued and up to the morning of the current day, along with the latest model guidance. If this review indicates a substantial likelihood that conditions will deteriorate to Code Orange or higher, any forecast that had projected only Code Green or Code Yellow will be formally updated and re-issued through Airnowtech.org and MDE/DC/COG/DEQ web sites that same morning by 10 am to provide the public with timely and accurate forecasts and health advisories.