

Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee

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MEETING NOTICE

Date: March 22, 2006

Time: 12:00 pm– 2:00 pm

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments
777 North Capitol St., NE, 3rd Floor, Board Room
Washington, D.C. 20002

*Lunch will be available for members at 11:30 a.m.

AGENDA

- 12:00 1. Call to Order; Public Comment Period**
- 12:05 2. Approval of Minutes, Announcements, Chairman's Report**
- 12:10 3. 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**
 - D. Report of the Interstate Air Quality Council (IAQC)**
- 12:30 4. SIP Schedule: Status**
- 12:40 5. Attainment Modeling: Status Report**
- 1:10 6. Control Measure Strategy: Status Report**
- 1:25 7. *Comment Letter: Conformity Scope of Work**
- 1:35 8. *MWAQC FY07 Work Program and Budget**
- 1:50 9. State Air Agencies' Report**
- 2:00 10. Date for Next Meeting and Adjourn**

Item: 2. Approval of Minutes, Announcements, Chairman's Report

Presenter: Hon. Phil Mendelson, MWAQC Chair

Description:

Chair will call for approval of Meeting Summary for February 22, 2006, and for amendments to the agenda.

Recommended Action:

Approve minutes

Item: 4. State Implementation Plan (SIP) Schedule: Status

Presenter: Joan Rohlfs, Chief, Air Quality Planning

Description:

Ms. Rohlfs will discuss the revisions to the schedule for completion of the 8-hour ozone state implementation plan.

The Mid-Atlantic states are coordinating a control measure strategy with the Northeastern states and states in the Mid West. As a result of the collaboration, control measures will be applied to a broader geographic area, providing a larger benefit than local measures could provide. The downside of the collaboration is that the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) and others are about 6 months behind in their schedule. The OTC expects to have model rules developed by June or later.

Recommended Action:

Briefing

Materials:

8-Hour Ozone SIP Planning, Proposed Schedule (Revised 3/10/06)

The document can be found at:

http://www.mwcog.org/environment/committee/committee/documents.asp?COMMITTEE_ID=14

Item 5: Attainment Modeling: Status Report

Presenter: Tom Ballou, Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality

Description:

Mr. Ballou will discuss preliminary modeling results and the next steps for the Washington region's attainment demonstration.

The Clean Air Act requires nonattainment areas to perform photochemical modeling to demonstrate that the area will meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standard under worst case scenarios. Virginia Dept. of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) is the lead modeling agency to model attainment for the Washington, DC-MD-VA nonattainment area for the 8-hour ozone standard.

Modeling for both standards, 8-hour ozone and fine particles, is being conducted by Regional Planning Organizations such as the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) and the Visibility Improvement State and Tribal Association of the Southeast (VISTAS) on a scale that includes the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states as well as the Mid-West. VDEQ's modeling for the Washington-Baltimore domain is being done in parallel with the larger regional efforts.

Recommended Action:

Briefing

Materials:

Item 6: Control Measure Strategy: Status Report

Presenter: Jeff King, Environmental Planner

Description:

The Control Measures Work Group has been working on an analysis of Reasonably Available Control Measures (RACM) for the 8-hour ozone SIP. The Work Group is evaluating measures being proposed by the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) in February. The OTC will be developing model rules for these measures by June 2006.

Mr. King will review the RACM process, discuss the local measures given priority by the OTC, and will review the next steps for the Control Measures Work Group.

Recommended Action:

Briefing

Materials:

OTC Control Measure Action Items, 2/23/06

The document can be found at:

http://www.mwcog.org/environment/committee/committee/documents.asp?COMMITTEE_ID=14

Item 7. Comment Letter: Conformity Scope of Work

Presenter: Jeff King, Environmental Planner

Description:

The Transportation Planning Board is soliciting input on the scope of work for the Air Quality Conformity Assessment for the 2006 CLRP and the FY2007-2012 TIP. The TPB intends to complete the conformity determination for fine particulates, ozone, and carbon monoxide concurrently. The determination will be based on guidance from EPA regarding demonstrating conformity during the interim period prior to development of SIP budgets for ozone and fine particulates.

The Technical Advisory Committee approved a draft comment letter on the conformity scope of work. Mr. King will briefly review the comment letter.

Recommended Action:

Vote to approve comment letter.

Materials:

Draft Comment Letter on TPB Conformity Scope of Work

The document can be found at:

http://www.mwcog.org/environment/committee/committee/documents.asp?COMMITTEE_ID=14

Item 8: MWAQC FY07 Work Program and Budget

Presenter: Joan Rohlfs, Chief, Air Quality Planning

Description:

Ms. Rohlfs will brief the Committee on the proposed MWAQC Work Program and Budget for FY 2007. The MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of the document at its March 10 meeting. The draft is posted on the COG website at the link below.

Recommended Action:

VOTE to approve

Materials:

Draft Air Quality Planning Work Program and Budget, FY 2007

The document can be found at:

http://www.mwcog.org/environment/committee/committee/documents.asp?COMMITTEE_ID=14