

MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee
Meeting Summary
July 14, 10:00 AM - 10:40 AM

Present:

Emily Bull, Maryland Department of the Environment
Antoine Thompson, GWRCCC
Chris Voigt, Virginia Department of Transportation
Doris McLeod, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Hawi Kitila, Maryland Department of the Environment
Joseph Jakuta, District Department of Energy & Environment
Marcia Ways, Maryland Department of the Environment
Regina Moore, Virginia Department of Transportation
Sonya Lewis-Cheatham, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Thatch Gerike, District Department of Energy & Environment
Thomas Foster, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality
Tom Ballou, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality

Staff:

Sunil Kumar, COG/DEP
Alissa Boggs, COG/DEP
Dusan Vuksan, COG/DTP
Erin Morrow, COG/DTP
Jen Desimone, COG/DEP
Jinchul Park, COG/DTP
Leah Boggs, COG/DEP
Robert d'Abadie, COG/DTP

1. Call to Order & Review of Meeting Summary

Emily Bull called to order it at 10 AM. The June 9th meeting summary was approved without any changes.

2. 2015 Ozone NAAQS RR/MP

Sunil Kumar discussed the draft 2015 ozone NAAQS RR/MP. He discussed comments received from EPA as part of their initial review.

Redesignation Request

Section 2.3 - Part D Demonstration of Compliance

All emission statement approvals need to be listed in addition to the submission dates for the basic I/M and the RACT submissions.

Maintenance Plan

There were no substantive comments. EPA may seek supplemental information later after coordinating with EPA Headquarters. All requirements such as RACT need to be completed before plan can be approved.

MWAQC-TAC recommended MWAQC to review and approve both plans on July 22nd for public hearing and comment process.

Next Steps

- MWAQC approves plans on July 2nd.
- Each state holds its own public hearing and comment process.

- Response will be developed for comments received and shared with MWAQC-TAC and MWAQC for the final review and approval of the plan.
- Plan will be submitted by each state by the year end.

3. Ozone Season Summary

Sunil Kumar briefed members on the 2026 ozone season air quality data. There were three ozone exceedances and two PM2.5 exceedances this year until July 12. Both ozone and PM2.5 design values remain below their corresponding standards. July 4/5 PM2.5 exceedance data were affected by the July 4th fireworks.

4. State and Local Updates

MD – Roger said that MDE submitted five plans for the public hearing and comments. Four of them are redesignation requests and maintenance plans for the Baltimore and Cecil areas for both the 2008 and 2015 NAAQSs. The 5th one is the supplemental SIP for the 2015 ozone NAAQS that covers like program elements for modifications to the VEEP, performance standard modeling and non-interference demonstration for VEEP, basic and enhanced certification for Washington, DC Baltimore, and Cecil, and the major source threshold, and enhanced monitoring.

VA – No updates.

DC – No updates.