Mitigation Working Group

Potential Recommendations from the MWG for the 2016 Commission Report

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Mitigation Working Group Meeting
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Mitigation Working Group (MWG)

- Work plan approved on April 18, 2016
- Broad, balanced group of 28 members representing State and local government agencies, non-profits, environmental advocacy groups and business interests

- 2016 Priorities include:
  - Recommendations on 40% by 2030 reduction plan
  - Status report on 25% reduction by 2020
  - Emerging analytical issues
    - Methane
    - Economic analysis
    - Social equity issues
MWG Process

• Monthly formal meetings on priority topics:
  – Balanced panels representing different interests
  – Discussion
  – Recommendations

• Monthly MWG Steering Committee calls
  – Planning to insure an effective and balanced process

• Informational webinars on other key topics like agriculture and sequestration

• Numerous meetings between MDE and stakeholders
2016 MWG Meetings

- February 29 - 40 by 30 preview
- March 14 - 2016 work plan. Short-lived climate pollutants
- April 25 - Economic analysis and social equity
- May 23 - RGGI and Clean Power Plan
- June 27 - Methane Part 1 - Learning session
- August 22 - Methane Part 2 - Discussion
- September 26 - Electric and zero-emission vehicles. State agency program updates.
- December 19 - 40 by 30 update. 2017 final work plan and schedule.
Potential Recommendation # 1

• The MWG will provide the Maryland Commission on Climate Change (MCCC) with a status report and recommended path forward on emission reduction measures for the 40% reduction by 2030 plan to be finalized in 2019
  – Part of the Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Act (GGRA)
  – This recommendation will also include a status report on the 25% reduction by 2020 requirement of the GGRA
Potential Recommendation # 2

• Methane Leakage
  – Being coordinated with the Scientific and Technical Working Group
  – How significant?
  – What can be done to minimize leakage?
    • In Maryland
    • Outside of Maryland
  – Short-term actions
  – Long-term actions
Potential Recommendation #3

- Enhanced Economic Analysis and Social Equity Issues
  - Working with the Adaptation and Response Working Group
  - How can these efforts be enhanced as part of the process used to develop and implement the GGRA and State adaptation efforts
  - MDE and DNR planned enhancements and possibly additional enhancements supported by other resources
  - Additional efforts to work with the State’s Environmental Justice Commission and to reach out and meet with minority and low-income communities
Potential Recommendation # 4

• Electric and Zero Emission Vehicles
  – How can State and local efforts and private sector initiatives help expedite the market transformation that is now emerging
  • Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (EVIC) chaired by MDOT
    – Infrastructure
    – Incentives
    – Outreach and Education
    – Partnerships
    – More
Potential Recommendation # 5

• Clean Energy
  – MWG leadership expects this issue to become a topic of discussion over the next 6 months
  – What new clean energy programs should we be analyzing to meet the emission reduction, economic growth, job creation and ratepayer protection goals of the GGRA?
Questions and Discussion