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**SUMMARY OF TELECONFERENCE MEETING #9  
MARYLAND CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES  
TECHNICAL WORK GROUP (TWG)  
December 14, 2007**

**Attendance:**

1. TWG Members: Cindy Parker, Paul Chan, Frank Heintz, John Quinn, Julian Levy and Mike Mallinoff
2. Maryland Department of Environment (MDE): Liz Entwisle, Renee Fizer
3. Center for Climate Strategies: Tom Looby, Katie Pasko
4. Other Attendees: None
5. Public: None

**Background Documents:**

(Posted at [http://www.mdclimatechange.us/cross\\_cutting.cfm](http://www.mdclimatechange.us/cross_cutting.cfm))

1. Meeting notice and agenda (including provisions for public access)
2. Summary of MD CC TWG Call #8
3. PowerPoint Presentation for Cross-Cutting Issues (CC) TWG Call #9
4. 12-14-07 Policy Option Templates Draft

**Discussion Items and Issues:**

This was the ninth call of the MD CC TWG.

1. Tom Looby of CCS called the meeting to order, completed the roll call, and reviewed the agenda for the call.
2. The 11-27-07 CC TWG Call Summary was approved, with no changes.
3. The next CC TWG call is set for January 9, 2008 at 11 am ET. Members agreed to the following schedule of subsequent calls: January 25, February 8, February 28, March 7, March 28 and April 9, if needed. All calls will be from 11:00 am- 12:30 pm except the last call which would be at 10:00 am- 11:30 am. The next MWG meeting is on January 15, 2008.
4. Tom Looby reviewed the process and opened discussion of the draft Straw Proposals. Several comments and changes were made about and to the drafts.
  - CC-1: More direct language needs to be added to recommend that adequate resources are necessary to implement the registry and forecasting functions and that supplemental appropriations be sought in Spring 2008 and ongoing

appropriations in the FY 09 budget. Consensus, after extensive discussion, of the TWG is to emphasize the need in the Straw Proposal and leave staffing issues to be resolved by MDE. It was noted that The Climate Registry has a standardized protocol under development, but that it is proceeding very slowly.

- CC-1- Implementation Mechanisms- Need to build on agency work already underway to develop comprehensive inventories, modeling and reporting requirements.
- CC-1- Programs in place- Need to develop RGGI protocols and link it to the Climate Registry.
- CC-2: Need to add deminimus language.
- CC-3: The MCCC recommended this option as legislation to be introduced in the current session in January. The language of the bill should be tracked to insure that a midcourse correction is included and not dropped from the language. Clarification and definition in the draft bill is needed regarding which GHGs are specifically included in the proposed legislation. The TWG recommends that MDE should build GHG reporting into air permits and that all 6 GHG emissions should be addressed. Another key recommendation is to recommend that calculation of emissions be allowed where appropriate.
- CC-4- need to coordinate w/ RCI language.
- CC-4- Policy Description- need to consider public health impacts of tighter buildings.
- CC-4- need to coordinate w/ the DNR adaptation process.
- CC-4 S/L government implementation mechanisms- Carbon neutral bonding element- need to determine if it is possible to have new buildings w/ no GHG emissions.
- CC-5: The consensus of the TWG is that MDE should work with the Department of Education to implement this goal. The department should also be consulted about this Straw Proposal. A state funded lobbying group is specifically not recommended by the TWG.
- CC-5- Paul Chan's re-draft was circulated after the call.
- CC-5- K-12 Implementation mechanisms- Want to be careful not to impair teacher's ability to teach an appropriate curriculum.
- CC-5- item 3- MD Climate Leadership Corps was not supported at this time.
- CC-7- This is combined CC 7 and CC -12 to include funding as part of Institutional Capacity. Want to include innovative financing solutions such as mechanisms to pay for up front costs using energy savings over time. Identify role for investors.
- CC-8- needs more work.
- CC-9- no small group- needs more work.

- CC 10- needs more work on implementation mechanisms and related programs in place.
  - CC-11- needs more work on implementation mechanisms and related programs in place.
5. All CC Policy Options: Please forward all comments to Tom Looby and the respective Small Group leader.

**Public Input:** None

**Next Steps:**

1. The next MWG meeting will occur on January 15.
2. The next TWG calls are on January 9 and January 25 at 11 am EST.

**Announcements:** None