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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



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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



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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
- July 25 - Economic analysis and social equity - Part 2.
- August 22 - Methane Part 2 - Discussion
- September 26 - Electric and zero-emission vehicles. State agency program updates.
- October 24 – MWG recommendations for 2016 MCCC report - discussion. Methane Part 3.
- November 28 - MWG recommendations for 2016 MCCC report. 2017 work plan.
- December 19 - 40 by 30 update. 2017 final work plan and schedule.



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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



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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



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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



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Potential Recommendation # 4

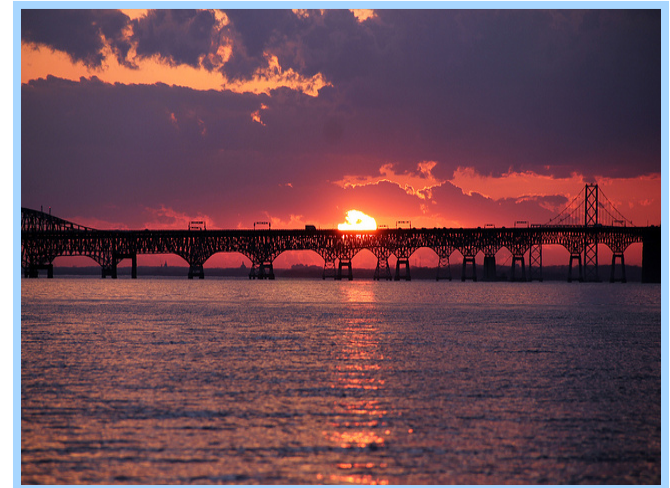
- Electric and Zero Emission Vehicles
 - How can State and local efforts and private sector initiatives help expedite the market transformation that is now emerging
 - Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (EVIC) chaired by MDOT
 - Infrastructure
 - Incentives
 - Outreach and Education
 - Partnerships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



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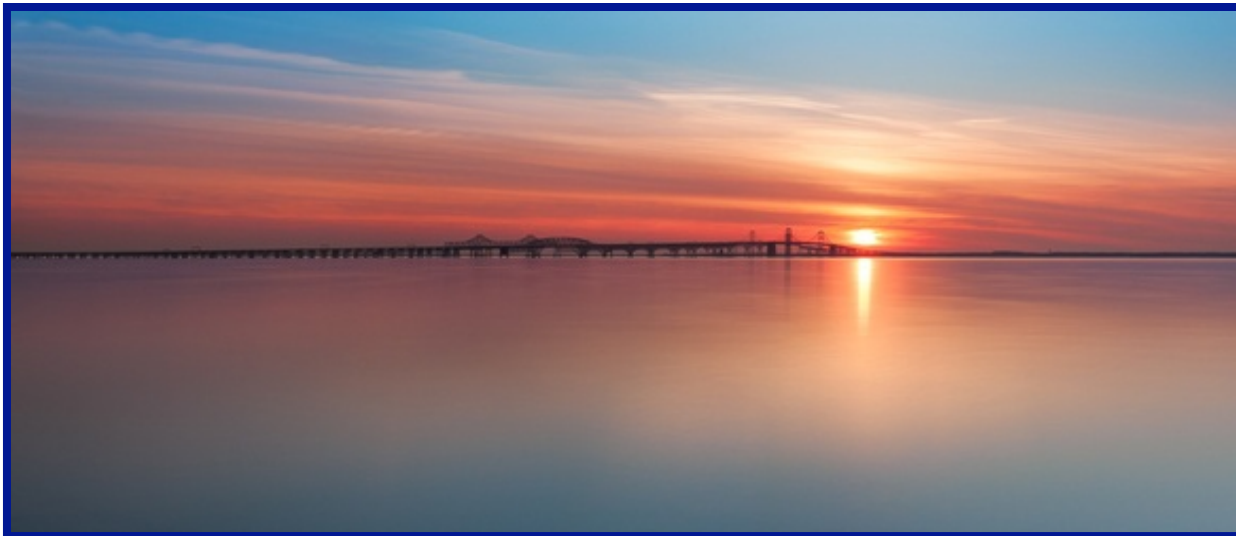
Potential Recommendation # 5

- 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?



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Questions and Discussion



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