



MICHIGAN CLIMATE ACTION COUNCIL
Cross-Cutting Issues Technical Work Group
Draft – Meeting Summary of Teleconference Call #5
Monday, April 7, 2008, 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Background documents for call:

- Notice and Agenda
- PowerPoint Presentation

Tom Looby of CCS called roll and reviewed the agenda.

Purpose of Call #5

The purpose of this specially scheduled call was to continue Discussion of Preliminary Draft GHG Reduction Goals and Targets for Michigan initiated on the prior call.

Prior Discussion of Baseline Year and Targets

On the last call MDEQ proposed Preliminary Draft MI GHG Reduction Goals, as follows:

- Baseline Year- 2002
- Short-term Goal: 2015- 15% of base
- Mid-Term Goal: 2025- 30% of base
- Long-term Goal: 2050- 80% of base

Discussion

1. Steve Chester of DEQ summarized the proposal on slides 3 and 4 of the Power point presentation for the meeting. There was consensus among the group for use of baseline and target years of 2002, 2015 and 2025, respectively These short and mid term target years are consistent w/ the MWG Accord, with the climate plan adopted by MN and with other state of Michigan programs.
2. There were no concerns expressed regarding establishing a proposed reduction goal of 80% below 2002 levels by 2050, which is consistent with the IPCC and many other state long-term goals.
3. Concerns were expressed by some on the TWG that the levels proposed by MDEQ might not be achievable and that establishing such targets now was premature. After considerable discussion it was agreed to propose target reduction “ranges” for the 2015 and 2025 target years, rather than a single % reduction target. MDEQ will develop the proposed ranges for discussion at the April 25 MCAC meeting.
4. There was agreement to accept and review data from DTE and anyone else that wants to share it about their projected reductions.

Next Call

After the next MCAC meeting on April 25, the next regular CCI TWG call is scheduled for May 7, 2008 at 11am to 12:30pm.

Attendance:

Cross Cutting Issues TWG Members:

Julie Baldwin
Ted Bishop
Duncan Calloway for Dr. Bierbaum
Steve Chester
Norman Christopher
Zoe Lipman
Dennis Muchmore
Rick Plewa
Lana Pollack

State Agency Representatives:

Mike Beaulac, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality
Lynn Fiedler, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

Members of the public:

Greg Ryan and Skiles Boyd, DTE

Center for Climate Strategies:

Tom Looby
Linda Schade