

OUTCOME NOTES

Feedback Session 1: Multi-Pollutant Control Strategies: What types of technical and policy support would encourage States in their efforts to develop multi-pollutant control strategies?

SESSION “HEADLINES”:

- States are not ready to develop multi-pollutant (MP) control strategies for the current round of SIPs, due to technical, resource, and timing issues. Nevertheless, any preliminary MP work should be encouraged and may provide valuable lessons learned for future such efforts.
- In order to begin multi-pollutant planning, for integrated control strategies in the next round of SIP submittals, States will need:
 - + strong, clear message of support from both EPA Headquarters and Regional Offices
 - + incentives (due to resource limitations) and resources
 - + improved technical tools (e.g., for modeling PM_{2.5}) and data
 - + early, clear guidance on multi-pollutant control strategy development
 - + good coordination between EPA HQ, Regions, and States

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION:

- A strong, clear, consistent message from EPA supporting MP control strategy development is needed.*
- EPA needs to provide strong incentives to encourage MP control strategy development.* These could include using administrative flexibility (e.g., allowing early action compacts, or partial SIP submittal by the required due date with periodic progress reports and full SIP submittal later), providing more credit for MP (and innovative) approaches, and offering EPA staff assistance (e.g., IPA to State to assist with MP SIP development). In addition, EPA/States should consider incentives to the private sector to pursue innovative approaches.
- EPA should also provide, to the extent allowed by the Clean Air Act, sufficient time and resources to support MP planning.* EPA should take into account the amount of time for States to conduct adequate technical analyses, evaluate policy options, and adopt regulations. EPA should also address organizational issues (e.g., role of MJOs/RPOs) and grant mechanisms to support MP planning.*
- EPA and States need to work together to further develop data and tools necessary for MP control strategy development.*
- Policy/guidance on MP control strategy development needs to come out early and have clear and measurable goals.* In the near term, ozone and PM_{2.5} guidance need to be tied together.
- EPA Headquarters, EPA Regions, and States need to communicate with each other regularly, work closely together, and be consistent on development of MP control strategies/integrated SIPs.