

Maryland Department of the Environment

#### Enhanced Efforts on Economic and Social Equity Analyses

#### MDE plans for 2016/2017 Planning for Outside Resources



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# A Reminder on the Process

- This is our second 2016 meeting of the Mitigation Working Group (MWG) on enhanced economic and social equity analysis
- The first meeting was on April 25<sup>th</sup> and included a set of balanced presentations from experts representing key stakeholder groups
- The meeting today is intended to be less presentation and more discussion
  - This short MDE briefng will describe what is in the works
  - The MWG needs to identify what else might be needed





# Presentation Overview

- Review of Timing The Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Act (GGRA) of 2016
- MDE's Plans for Enhanced Economic Analysis in 2016/2017
  - Planned efforts with Towson's Regional Economic Studies Institute (RESI) and Resources For the Future (RFF)
  - Expanded efforts on quantifying public health and other co-benefits from the GGRA
- MDE's planned efforts on social equity issues
- Other ideas for enhanced efforts?
  - Who funds/who manages/who completes the work?





### The Basic Schedule GGRA of 2016

- 2016, 2017 and 2018 MDE, other State agencies, MWG and stakeholders research, analyze and build 40 by 30 plan
  - Greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reductions, economic benefits, jobs, social equity, reliability, rural impacts, manufacturing impacts ... and much more
  - Stakeholder meetings across the State
- December 31, 2018 Draft plan
- December 31, 2019 Final plan
- October 1, 2022 MDE owes mid-course status report
  - Emission reductions, jobs, economics, equity, more
  - Manufacturing study due
- December 1, 2023 Law terminates if not reauthorized





# Climate Change Economic Analysis

- MDE is working with RESI and RFF on two major analysis tasks:
- 1. Enhanced Prospective Analysis

What impact will planned programs have?

2. A New Retrospective Analysis

What impact did programs have?





# Impacts

- Climate Change (Greenhouse Gas Reductions)
- Public Health

(Co-Pollutant Reductions)

- Macroeconomic (GDP)
- Employment (Job Years)
- Consumer Protection

**EQUITY** Who was ... or will be impacted? Who benefits?





# **Retrospective Analysis**

• Planned to coincide with 3-year emission inventories



#### Other MDE Planned Efforts Enhanced Equity and Economic Analyses

- Increased outreach to underserved populations and environmental justice communities
- Expanded effort in program write-ups to link climate program descriptions to public health protection programs
- New data collection and surveys to "true up" job creation and economic projections
- Increased effort in using "real world" examples as part of efforts to improve Maryland's economy, create jobs and protect consumers







# Increased Outreach

- MDE has started working with the ECO Working Group and stakeholders on an enhanced education and outreach strategy
- MDE is interesting in expanding efforts with the key underserved communities to exchange information, ideas and concerns
- Also continuing to work with numerous groups/committees/ commissions on developing additional short term plans related to social equity





# Partnership with CEJSC

- The GGRA requires MDE to seek extensive public input from a wide range of interest groups
- MDE has partnered with the Maryland Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities (CEJSC) to hold workshops and listening sessions targeting underserved populations and the environmental justice community
  - Two sessions by the end of 2016
- ECO has submitted a proposal as part of the UMCES RFP to fund enhanced outreach for the first half of 2017





#### **Rethinking the Way We Describe Programs** More focus on social equity and health protection

- Historically we have emphasized three key policy drivers of the GGRA when we describe climate programs in our plans and other communications
  - The big three: GHG emission reductions, economic growth and job creation
- Other drivers are included in reports, but often not given priority coverage
  - Equity ... Reliability ... Rural impacts ... Airports ... Many more
- For equity, the GGRA plans have also not clearly shown how different strategies are linked and how those linkages better deal with equity and public health concerns than individual strategies by themselves
  - Cap-and-Invest under the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) as an example 12

#### For Those from Missouri ... A "Show Me" Effort

- MDE will be working with RESI and RFF to collect data and conduct surveys to use as part of a "true-up" of the economic benefit and job creation projections
- Every 3 years, just like the GGRA mandated GHG inventory check-in
- Will also generate case studies of win-win-win strategies
  - GHG emission reductions, economic benefits and jobs





## More Real World Case Studies

- Using examples of real world efforts that decrease GHG emissions while helping the economy and creating jobs is a powerful tool we have not take advantage of as much as we should
- The Clean Cars Program as an example
  - Emission reductions ... jobs ... economic growth
- MDE will be working with ECO and stakeholders to document win/win/win case studies for many of the strategies in the GGRA Plan







#### **Moving to Discussion**

MDE is working hard on quite a few enhancements

What else do we need to be thinking about?

Equity and economic analyses

## What Else?

Other Efforts on Equity?

- Any planned work from members Are there opportunities for coordination?
  - For example at the April 25<sup>th</sup> meeting one of the panelists asked about a potential GIS equity/pollution mapping project – that is not something MDE has planned for 2016/2017
- Any other new ideas on work not being completed by MDE?
  - Who would fund?
  - Who would manage?
  - Who is completing the work?
  - What is the timeframe?





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Additional Efforts on Enhanced Economic Analysis?

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# Discussion?