

Maryland Commission on Climate Change

Mitigation Working Group

May 3, 2018 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Maryland Department of the Environment

1800 Washington Boulevard
First Floor Conference Rooms
Baltimore, MD 21230

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Agenda

10:00AM MWG Meeting Begins

1. **Introductions** – MWG Co-Chairs – 5 minutes
2. **Panel and Discussion: Natural Gas Fuel Conversion** – 25 minutes each
 - **Prudent Considerations for including Natural Gas in Climate Policy**
Sam Gomberg, Union of Concerned Scientists
Recommendations: (1) Quickly establish a methodology for carbon emissions accounting; (2) break down policy and regulatory barriers to beneficial electrification; (3) address the isolation between capacity expansion and distribution system planning; and (4) put risk on equal footing with cost in the decision-making process.
 - **The Criticality of Natural Gas**
Dean Foreman, American Petroleum Institute
 - **Public Health Impacts of Natural Gas Infrastructure: Maryland Snapshot of the Known and Unknown**
Professor Ana Maria Rule, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
Dr. Ann Bristow, Concerned Health Professionals of Maryland
Recommendations: (1) The Commission should support HIA legislation to determine real time impacts of any state agency project that will contribute to GHGs; (2) the State should reject any proposal to develop new NGL and begin preparation for retiring existing NGL as healthier sources of energy come online; (3) relevant agencies should study the impact of NGL on human health; and (4) assessments of the public health impacts of NGL should include (a) consideration of psycho social stressors and mental health; (b) all available tools, i.e. qualitative risk assessment, to evaluate NGL expansion; and (c) early and frequent input from impacted communities.
 - **Recommendations for Maryland CHP Program**
Jack Lewnard, Chesapeake Utility
Recommendations: The State should (1) expand CHP targets beyond investor-owned utilities to include all utilities; (2) include CHP as part of the IRP process; (3) integrate CHP into resiliency programs, including microgrids; (4) continue involvement with DOE TAP program, especially “CHP Catalog”; and (5) engage in outreach to smaller utilities to provide technical support for CHP projects. A CHP incentive program should (6) expand net metering from CHP to 10 MW; and (7) expand state contracting for CHP systems/PPAs.

3. New Business – 5 minutes

- June meeting (May 31st) - Carbon Markets and Updates to the Healthy Soils Initiative
- Other Business from Working Group members

4. Public Comment – 10 minutes

12:00PM Meeting Adjourns

The next meeting of the Mitigation Working Group will be **Thursday, May 31st at 10:00AM.**

Comments from the general public can be submitted to the Commission at climate.change@maryland.gov.

