

## **GWSA Implementation Advisory Committee (IAC)**

October 19, 2017, 2:30PM – 4:00PM

100 Cambridge St., 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Conference Room B

### **Meeting Summary**

#### **Welcome & Introductions**

Assistant Secretary of Climate Change, Katie Theoharides, called the meeting to order at 2:35PM and welcomed new and existing IAC members to her first IAC meeting as chair-person. Each IAC member was asked to introduce themselves and what they most look forward to contributing to the IAC over the next year.

#### **Updates**

MassDEP Commissioner, Marty Suuberg, updated the IAC members on recent discussions with members of the Transportation and Climate Initiative.

Assistant Secretary Theoharides updated the IAC members on the Transportation Listening Sessions, and answered questions on the goals and format of those sessions. The IAC was encouraged to provide suggestions on key questions to ask stakeholders attending the sessions and on how EEA should synthesize and respond to oral and written comments.

Joanna Troy from the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) gave an overview of DOER's schedule and process to complete the Comprehensive Energy Plan (CEP). The Department will seek stakeholder feedback in November and December to help define the scope of the CEP. The Department will present a draft scope at the next IAC meeting in December.

Commissioner Suuberg updated the IAC members on the stakeholder process for possibly revising and expanding the Clean Energy Standard (310 CMR 7.75), and a separate stakeholder process on allowance auctions pursuant to 310 CMR 7.74 (Electric Generating Units).

#### **IAC work plan for 2017-2018**

Hong-Hanh Chu from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) presented a flowchart of EEA's proposed process for developing the 2030 emissions limit and 2030 Plan, and a draft 2017-2018 work plan for the IAC. IAC feedback and suggestions include:

- Convene small working groups that meet separately to discuss a specific targeted topic and then present their findings and/or recommendations to the rest of the IAC for further discussion and consideration.
- Involve IAC members in writing reports (e.g. 5 year progress report, 2030 Plan), leading small working groups, presenting at IAC meetings, etc.
- Develop a framework or key strategies to structure the discussion, suggestion, and inclusion of policy options in the 2030 Plan.

- Develop a roadmap to meeting the GWSA emissions limit for 2050.
- Use a dynamic modeling and policy discussion process where IAC members provide feedback on policy options based on results from model runs.
- Utilize projections and Leap modeling data to inform the topical discussions.
- Coordinate the assumptions and inputs of analyses and modeling study with those that went into other relevant studies in the past.
- Break out the land-use meeting topic into 1) nature-based solutions for GHG reductions and 2) development patterns that affect vehicle miles traveled.

## **Adjournment**

IAC members were requested to provide feedback on the draft work plan by Friday, 10/27.

Assistant Secretary Theoharides thanked the IAC members for their participation. The meeting was adjourned at 4:05PM.

## **Meeting Attendance**

IAC Members/Delegates:

Nancy Goodman, ELM  
 Daniel Gatti, UCS  
 Cutler Cleveland, Boston University  
 Miriam Posner, ABC  
 Peter Rothstein, NECEC  
 Rebecca Davis, MAPC  
 Steve Long, TNC  
 David Ismay, CLF  
 Sandy Taft, National Grid  
 Jack Clarke, MassAudubon  
 Christian Hoepfner, Fraunhofer CSE  
 Austin Blackmon, City of Boston  
 Ray Speth, MIT  
 Berl Hartman, E2

Others:

Katie Theoharides, Assistant Secretary of Climate Change, EEA  
 Daniel Sieger, Assistant Secretary of Environmental, EEA  
 Hong-Hanh Chu, EEA  
 Ben Miller, EEA  
 Deirdre Buckley, MEPA  
 Marty Suuberg, Commissioner, MassDEP  
 Beth Card, Assistant Commissioner, MassDEP  
 Christine Kirby, MassDEP  
 Sharon Weber, MassDEP  
 Will Space, MassDEP

Joanna Troy, DOER  
Ian Finlayson, DOER  
Eric Steltzer, DOER  
Kate Tohme, DPU  
Jules William, MassDOT  
Kathryn Carlson, ABC  
Eric Wilkinson, ELM  
Cammy Peterson, MAPC