

Public Notice
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Revised Designation Recommendations for Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂)

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) is soliciting comments regarding revisions to Ohio's designation recommendations for sulfur dioxide (SO₂) for the 2010 SO₂ National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). On June 2, 2010 U.S. EPA replaced the 24-hour and annual standards with a new short-term standard based on the 3-year average of the 99th percentile of the yearly distribution of 1-hour daily maximum SO₂ concentrations. U.S. EPA established the level of the new 1-hour standard at 75 parts per billion (ppb). Ohio does not currently have any areas designated as nonattainment for SO₂.

Ohio's recommended designation for the 2010 1-hour SO₂ standard was submitted to U.S. EPA on June 3, 2011. Our analysis and recommendation for designations was based, in part, on ambient data for the period 2008 through 2010. The following revised designation recommendations are based on the most current SO₂ monitoring data for the period 2009 through 2011.

Given the most recent data, Ohio has determined Belmont and Columbiana Counties are attaining the standard. Ohio is requesting Belmont County be designated unclassifiable and Columbiana County be designated attainment.

This revision, or supplement, to our original June 3rd submittal only addresses Belmont and Columbiana Counties. Ambient monitoring data for the entire state was reviewed but resulted in no other necessary changes to our original recommendation. Therefore, we are not requesting changes to our recommendations for the remaining 86 counties in our original submittal.

This action must be noticed to allow public comment and to satisfy U.S. EPA requirements for public involvement in state implementation plan related activities. Comments should be submitted on or before April 3, 2012 at the following address:

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Pursuant to Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, a public hearing for these recommendations will be conducted on **April 3, 2012 at 3:30pm** at:

Steubenville Library – Schiappa Branch
4141 Mall Drive
Steubenville, OH 43952

All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented at the hearing and give written or oral comments on these recommendations. All oral comments presented at the hearing, and all written statements submitted at the hearing or to the above address by the close of business on April 3, 2012, will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on these recommendations. Written statements submitted after April 3, 2012, may be considered as time and circumstances permit, but will not be part of the official record of the hearing.

The SO₂ designation recommendation documentation is available on Ohio EPA DAPC's web page for electronic downloading at: <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/SIP/so2.aspx>

Questions regarding accessing the web site should be directed to Arunee Niamlarb at (614) 728-1342; other questions or comments about this document should be directed to Jennifer Dines at (614) 644-3696, Jennifer.Dines@epa.state.oh.us or mailed to Jennifer Dines at the above address.