

Public Notice
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Revision to Ohio's Regional Haze State Implementation Plan

Notice is hereby given that the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, (Ohio EPA) is requesting that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) revise the current approved State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Regional Haze. On March 11, 2011, Ohio EPA submitted our Regional Haze SIP to U.S. EPA. Ohio's SIP was subsequently approved on July 2, 2012 (77 FR 39177).

In a separate submittal, On December 27, 2012, Ohio EPA submitted its Infrastructure SIP for the 2008 ozone standard. Elements of the Infrastructure SIP were approved on October 17, 2014 (79 FR 62019); however, one element was not acted on, Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 110(2)(D)(i)(II) (or Prong 4), which deals with visibility protection. This revision request will be submitted in order for U.S. EPA to take action on this portion of Ohio's Infrastructure SIP for the 2008 ozone standard.

As part of Ohio EPA's 2011 Regional Haze SIP, with respect to emissions of nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxide from electric generating units (EGUs), Ohio chose the option that provides a state may rely on the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) as an acceptable alternative to Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) for EGUs. Subsequently, CAIR was replaced with the Cross State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) which U.S. EPA also determined is an acceptable alternative to BART for EGUs. However, Ohio EPA had not yet revised its 2011 Regional Haze SIP to now show that Ohio is relying on CSAPR, rather than CAIR, in lieu of BART for Ohio's EGUs. This revision completes that task.

Ohio EPA is requesting U.S. EPA revise the approved Regional Haze SIP to allow for a CSAPR to replace CAIR as an acceptable alternative to BART for Ohio's EGUs.

These actions must be noticed to allow public comment and to satisfy U.S. EPA requirements for public involvement in SIP related activities. This notice addresses Ohio EPA's request for U.S. EPA to approve a revision of the EGU requirements under the Regional Haze SIP. Written comments will be received on or before August 5, 2015 at the following address:

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Pursuant to Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, a public hearing on this redesignation request will be conducted as follows: **August 5, 2015 at 10:30 AM** at

Ohio EPA Central Office, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, OH 43215.

All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented at the hearings and give written or oral comments on these changes. 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 August 5, 2015 will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this redesignation. Written statements submitted after August 5, 2015 may be considered as time and circumstances permit, but will not be part of the official record of the hearing.

This redesignation and maintenance request is available on Ohio EPA DAPC's Web page for electronic downloading at: <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/SIP/haze.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 Van Vlerah, (614)-644-3696, or Jennifer.vanvlerah@epa.ohio.gov or mailed to Jennifer Van Vlerah at the above address.