Public Notice
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Eight-Hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration
State Implementation Plan

Notice is hereby given that the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, (Ohio EPA) is submitting the Draft Eight-Hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration for the Cincinnati-Hamilton Ohio ozone nonattainment area to the United States Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). The Cincinnati-Hamilton area consists of Butler, Clinton, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren counties in Ohio, Lawrenceburg Township in Dearborn County, Indiana, and Boone, Campbell and Kenton counties in Kentucky. As part of this package Ohio EPA is also submitting the State's 2005 base year inventory for U.S. EPA review and approval.

This area was designated as 'basic' nonattainment under provisions contained in the Clean Air Act (CAA), Subpart 1 as interpreted under the implementation rule for eight-hour ozone. This rule was vacated on December 22, 2006, by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit court, however, as encouraged by U.S. EPA, Ohio continued to develop this plan in order to meet general CAA requirements to submit a plan within three years of the effective designation date of June 15, 2004 (69 FR 23858).

The submittal includes an attainment demonstration and identifies the rules deemed necessary to attain the air quality standard by June 15, 2009. This demonstration is based on air quality modeling using a 2005 base year inventory and a 2005 ozone design value.

The State of Ohio will request that U.S. EPA:

1. Review and approve the attainment demonstration,

2. Review and approve Ohio's 2005 emissions inventory, and

3. Begin reviewing Ohio's proposed rules for addressing the Clean Air Interstate Rule, Architectural and Industrial Maintenance Coatings and Consumer Products.

These actions must be noticed to allow public comment and to satisfy U.S. EPA requirements for public involvement in state implementation plan (SIP) related activities. This notice addresses Ohio EPA's reliance on the emission projects as evidence of attainment. Written comments may be received on or before July 23, 2007 at the following address:

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Pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations Part 40 Section 51.103, a public hearing on these rule changes will be conducted as follows: July 23, 2007 at 2:30 PM, in the OKI Regional Council of Governments office located at 720 East Pete Rose Way, Suite 420, Cincinnati, Ohio.

All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented at the hearings and give written or oral comments on this action. 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 July 23, 2007, will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this submittal. Written statements submitted after July 23, 2007, may be considered as time and circumstances permit, but will not be part of the official record of the hearing.

This attainment demonstration plan is available on Ohio EPA DAPC's Web page at: http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/ for electronic downloading by clicking on "state implementation plan" under the "topics" drop-down box. 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 either Sam MacDonald, (614) 728-1743, sam.macdonald@epa.state.oh.us or Bill Spires at (614) 644-3618, bill.spires@epa.state.oh.us or mailed to Sam MacDonald or Bill Spires at the above address.