

Public Notice
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Eight-Hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration and
15 Percent Rate of Progress
State Implementation Plan

Notice is hereby given that the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, (Ohio EPA) is submitting an Interim Eight-Hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration for the Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, Ohio area to the United States Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). The Cleveland-Akron-Lorain area consists of Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Summit and Portage counties. As part of this package, Ohio EPA is also submitting a 15 Percent Rate of Progress plan and the State's 2002 base year inventory for U.S. EPA review and approval.

This area was designated as 'moderate' under provisions contained in the Clean Air Act (CAA), Subpart 2 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 Columbus Circuit court, however, as encouraged by U.S. EPA, Ohio has 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, 2010. This current demonstration is based on air quality modeling using a 2002 base year inventory and a 2002 ozone design value which was heavily influenced by the extreme 2002 ozone season. Additional air quality modeling is ongoing which is based on a 2005 base year inventory and an updated base year design value. This submittal will be updated with this additional technical support when it becomes available later this year.

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

1. Begin reviewing specific components of this submittal, such as the rules addressing Architectural and Industrial Maintenance Coatings and Consumer Products,
2. Review and approve the 15 Percent Rate of Progress Plan, and
3. Review and approve Ohio's 2002 emissions inventory.

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. Written comments may be received on or before July 24, 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 24, 2007 at 2:30 PM, at the Ohio EPA, Northeast District office located at 2110 E. Aurora Road, Twinsburg, 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 24, 2007, will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this submittal. Written statements submitted after July 24, 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.