

BEFORE THE OHIO EPA

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Redesignation 24-hour Particulate :
Matter 2.5, Steubenville Area :

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Audiotaped public hearing before
Moderator Darla Peele, taken at the Steubenville
Library - Sciappa Branch, 4141 Mall Drive,
Steubenville, Ohio, at 3:00 p.m. on May 16, 2012.

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3 MODERATOR PEELE: This is the
4 introduction for the Ohio Environmental
5 Protection Agency Redesignation 24-hour
6 Particulate Matter 2.5 for the Steubenville area
7 hearing held 5-16-12.

8 My name's Darla Peele. I'm a public
9 information officer for Ohio EPA. I will be
10 presiding over today's public hearing. Thank you
11 for taking the time to attend this hearing before
12 Ohio EPA.

13 The purpose of the hearing today is to
14 obtain comments from any interested person today
15 regarding Ohio EPA's proposed action.

16 The State of Ohio plans to ask U.S. EPA
17 to revise the current air quality designation for
18 Ohio, the Ohio portion of Jefferson County, of
19 the Steubenville-Weirton, West Virginia-Ohio area
20 to attainment with respect to 2006 24-hour PM2.5
21 national ambient air quality standard. This
22 redesignation should not be confused with Ohio
23 EPA's recent request to U.S. EPA for
24 redesignation of the 1997 annual PM2.5 standards

1 for which a separate hearing was held recently.

2 Air quality monitoring data from 2008
3 through 2010 in the region demonstrated
4 attainment of the national ambient air quality
5 standard, and there is evidence that the improved
6 air quality is due to permanent enforceable
7 emission reductions.

8 In addition, existing requirements were
9 sufficient to maintain the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5}
10 standard in this area for at least ten years into
11 the future.

12 Computer models show that existing state
13 and federal emission reduction requirements are
14 sufficient to attain and maintain the national
15 ambient air quality standard in the
16 Steubenville-Weirton area. Therefore, Ohio EPA
17 proposes to utilize the existing emission
18 inventory information and projections of future
19 emissions as a demonstration of the ability to
20 maintain the national ambient air quality
21 standard in the Steubenville-Weirton area.

22 Comments can be submitted until the
23 close of business today, May 16, 2012. You may
24 e-mail comments to erika.fetty@epa.ohio.gov.

1 All interested persons are entitled to
2 attend or be represented and present oral and/or
3 written comments concerning the proposed action.
4 All written and oral comments received as a part
5 of the official record will be considered by the
6 director of Ohio EPA before a final decision is
7 made.

8 Statements submitted after the comment
9 period closes may be considered as time and
10 circumstances permit but will not be a part of
11 the official record of the hearing.

12 If you wish to present oral testimony at
13 the hearing today and have not already signed the
14 registration sheet, please do so at this time.
15 The sheet is available at the registration table.
16 Persons will be called in the order in which they
17 have registered.

18 There is no cross-examination of the
19 speakers or representatives of Ohio EPA in
20 hearings such as this. Ohio EPA hearings provide
21 citizens the opportunity to submit comments on
22 the official record. Therefore, we will not be
23 able to answer questions during the hearing.
24 However, Ohio EPA staff may ask clarifying

1 questions of the person testifying to ensure the
2 record is as complete and accurate as possible.

3 Seeing that there is no one who wishes
4 to provide testimony, we will go off record. It
5 is 3:05 p.m. on 5-16-12.

6 (Break taken until 3:30 p.m.)

7 MODERATOR PEELE: Back on record.

8 Seeing no further requests for
9 testimony, I will remind you that written
10 comments can be submitted through 5 p.m. on May
11 16, 2012.

12 Thank you for attending. No one did
13 attend. The time is now 3:30 p.m., and this
14 hearing is adjourned.

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