

**Public Notice**  
**Ohio Environmental Protection Agency**  
**Designation of Nont attainment Area Boundaries for Nitrogen Oxides**

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) is soliciting comments regarding the extent of Ohio's areas designation recommendations for the new nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) supplemental 1-hour primary standard of 100 ppb. The designation recommendations are based on the most current NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring data, which show all Ohio NO<sub>2</sub> monitors (three) currently meet the 2010 primary 1-hour NO<sub>2</sub> standard. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U. S. EPA) directs all states to submit recommendations, designating all monitoring areas in the state as "attainment," "nonattainment" or "unclassifiable." The U.S. EPA also stated in the final rulemaking that it intends to promulgate initial NO<sub>2</sub> designations by January 22, 2012 and intends to designate all areas that are not currently violating the new standard as unclassifiable, absent data from the newly (additional) required monitors. Once the additional monitors are in place, the U.S. EPA intends to redesignate areas as appropriate from unclassifiable to attainment or nonattainment. Ohio EPA is recommending the U.S. EPA that all Counties in Ohio with applicable NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring data be designated unclassifiable until the additional NO<sub>2</sub> monitoring data are available.

These actions 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 December 27, 2010 at the following address:

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Pursuant to Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, a public hearing on these recommendations will be conducted on: December 27, 2010 at 10:30 a.m., Conference Room B, at Ohio EPA, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio. 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 December 27, 2010, will be considered with equal consideration by Ohio EPA prior to final action on these recommendations. Written statements submitted after December 27, 2010, may be considered as time and circumstances permit, but will not be part of the official record of the hearing.

The nitrogen dioxide designation recommendation documentation is available on Ohio EPA DAPC's web page for electronic downloading by clicking on "State Implementation Plans" under the "topics" drop-down box. The URL is:  
**<http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/SIP/lead.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 either Jennifer Hunter at (614) 644-3696, [Jennifer.hunter@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:Jennifer.hunter@epa.state.oh.us) or mailed to Jennifer Hunter at the above address.