

BEFORE THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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In Re: Ozone Redesignation of
Nonattainment

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PROCEEDINGS

Public hearing held before Kristopher Weiss,
Public Involvement Coordinator for Ohio EPA's
Public Interest Center, held at the offices of
the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, 50
West Town Street, Conference Room A, Columbus,
Ohio, on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at 3:00
P.M.

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1 Tuesday Afternoon,
2 September 13, 2016.

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4 MR. WEISS: My name is Kristopher
5 Weiss. I am a public involvement coordinator in
6 the Ohio EPA's Public Interest Center and will
7 preside over today's public hearing.

8 Thank you for taking time to attend
9 this hearing before the Ohio Environmental
10 Protection Agency. The purpose of the hearing
11 today is to obtain comments from any interested
12 person regarding Ohio EPA's draft ozone
13 nonattainment area recommendations.

14 On October 1, 2015, U.S. EPA
15 promulgated a revision to the eight-hour ozone
16 standard of 70 parts per billion. States must
17 submit recommended nonattainment areas to U.S.
18 EPA in October 2016. Ohio EPA has analyzed air
19 quality data from 2013-2015 along with
20 preliminary 2016 data and other factors to
21 recommend nonattainment areas to U.S. EPA. The
22 Columbus, Ohio draft nonattainment area
23 recommendations are comprised of Delaware,
24 Fairfield, Franklin and Licking counties.

1 All interested persons are entitled
2 to attend or be represented, and to present oral
3 and/or written comments concerning the proposed
4 action. All written and oral comments received
5 as part of the official record will be
6 considered by the Director of Ohio EPA.

7 To be included in the official
8 record written comments must be received by Ohio
9 EPA by close of business, today, September 13,
10 2016. These comments may be filed with me today
11 or e-mailed to holly.kaloz@epa.ohio.gov. All
12 written comments submitted for the record
13 receive the same consideration as oral testimony
14 given today.

15 Written statements submitted after
16 today may be considered as time and
17 circumstances permit, but will not be part of
18 the official record of the hearing.

19 If you wish to present oral
20 testimony at this hearing today and have not
21 already signed the registration sheet, please do
22 so at this time. The sheet is available at the
23 registration table. Persons will be called in
24 the order in which they have registered.

1 There is no cross examination of
2 speakers or of representatives of Ohio EPA in
3 public hearings such as this. Ohio EPA hearings
4 such as this afford citizens the opportunity to
5 provide comments on the official record.

6 Therefore, we will not be able to answer
7 questions during the hearing. However, members
8 of the panel may ask clarifying questions of the
9 person testifying to ensure the record is as
10 complete and accurate as possible.

11 Is there anyone who wished to
12 testify at this time?

13 Seeing no requests for testimony, I
14 remind you that written comments can be
15 submitted through the close of business today,
16 September 13, 2016.

17 Thank you for attending. The time
18 is now 3:30 P.M. and the hearing is adjourned.

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on September 13, 2016, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Michael O. Spencer

Michael O. Spencer,
Registered Professional
Reporter.

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