

**Public Notice**  
**Ohio Environmental Protection Agency**  
**Designation of Nont attainment Area Boundaries for Fine Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>)**

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) is soliciting comments regarding the extent of Ohio's nonattainment areas for the revised PM<sub>2.5</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) which retained the previous annual standard of 15.0 µg/m<sup>3</sup> and lowered the 24-hour standard from 65 µg/m<sup>3</sup> to 35 µg/m<sup>3</sup>. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) adopted these revised PM<sub>2.5</sub> standards which were effective on December 18, 2006. The comments received will be used to formulate the State's formal recommendation proposal to U.S. EPA. Ohio EPA's preliminary recommendations are as follows:

- Recommend that the following current PM<sub>2.5</sub> nonattainment areas be designated nonattainment for the revised PM<sub>2.5</sub> standards: Butler, Clermont, Cuyahoga, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lake, Licking, Lorain, Medina, Montgomery, Portage, Summit, Stark, Warren and Washington;
- Recommend that the following current PM<sub>2.5</sub> nonattainment areas be designated attainment for the revised PM<sub>2.5</sub> standards: Adams (P), Ashtabula (P), Belmont, Clark, Coshocton (P), Gallia (P), Scioto, and Lawrence; and
- Recommend that the following current attainment PM<sub>2.5</sub> area be designated nonattainment for the revised PM<sub>2.5</sub> standards: Mahoning and Trumbull.

These actions must be noticed to allow public comment and to satisfy United States Protection Agency requirements for public involvement in SIP related activities. Comments will be received on or before January 25, 2008 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: January 22, 2008 at 2:00 PM, 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 January 25, 2008, will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on

these recommendations. Written statements submitted after January 25, 2008, may be considered as time and circumstances permit, but will not be part of the official record of the hearing.

The PM<sub>2.5</sub> 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.state.oh.us/dapc/SIP/Nonattain/nonattain.html>

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