

Public Notice
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Designation of Nont attainment Area Boundaries for Ozone (O₃)

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) is soliciting comments regarding the extent of Ohio's nonattainment areas for the revised ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) which lowered the 8-hour standard from 0.08 parts per million (ppm) to 0.075 ppm. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) adopted this revised ozone standard effective on March 12, 2008. 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 ozone nonattainment areas be designated nonattainment for the revised ozone standard: Ashtabula, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Cuyahoga, Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Geauga, Hamilton, , Knox, Lake, Licking, Lorain, Madison, Medina, Portage, Summit, and, Warren;
- Recommend that the following current attainment ozone area be designated nonattainment for the revised ozone standard: Belmont, Clark, Greene, Jefferson, Mahoning, Miami, Montgomery, Lawrence, Stark, Trumbull, and Washington.

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 February 16, 2009 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: February 12, 2009 at 3:00 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 February 16, 2009, will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on these recommendations. Written statements submitted after February 16, 2009, may be considered as time and circumstances permit, but will not be part of the official record of the hearing.

The ozone 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>

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 Sarah VanderWielen, (614) 644-3632, sarah.vanderwielen@epa.state.oh.us or Jennifer Hunter at (614) 644-3696, Jennifer.hunter@epa.state.oh.us or mailed to Sarah VanderWielen or Jennifer Hunter at the above address.