

Public Notice
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Designation of Nont attainment Area Boundaries for Lead

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) is soliciting comments regarding the extent of Ohio's nonattainment areas for the revised lead National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) which lowered the standard from 1.5 micrograms per cubic meter (ug/m³) to 0.15 ug/m³. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) adopted this revised lead standard effective on October 15, 2008. The comments received will be used to formulate the State's formal recommendation proposal to U.S. EPA. Currently Ohio does not have any lead nonattainment areas. Ohio EPA's preliminary recommendations are for partial nonattainment areas to be established in Cuyahoga, Fulton and Logan Counties. Ohio EPA is also recommending the following areas be identified as unclassifiable until additional monitoring data can be collected to accurately identify these areas as attaining or not attaining: the remainder of Cuyahoga County and Marion, Stark, Trumbull, Hamilton, Lucas, Mahoning, Montgomery and Summit Counties.

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 September 24, 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: September 23, 2009 at 10:30 AM in 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 September 24, 2009, will be considered with equal consideration by Ohio EPA prior to final action on these recommendations. Written statements submitted after September 24, 2009, may be considered as time and circumstances permit, but will not be part of the official record of the hearing.

The lead 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/lead.html> or <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/SIP/lead.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 Jennifer Hunter at (614) 644-3696, Jennifer.hunter@epa.state.oh.us or mailed to Jennifer Hunter at the above address.