

Public Notice
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for the Ohio Portion of the Cincinnati-Hamilton Ozone Basic Nonattainment Area

Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, and Warren Counties

Notice is hereby given that the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, (Ohio EPA) is requesting that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) revise the current maintenance plan for the Cincinnati-Hamilton area, including Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, and Warren counties, with respect to the 1997 eight-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS). Ohio EPA submitted a redesignation request and maintenance plan for this area on December 14, 2009 and a request to revise the maintenance plan on July 6, 2010. Subsequently, U.S. EPA approved these requests on May 11, 2010 and November 29, 2010, respectively. Air quality monitoring data collected in the region demonstrated attainment of the NAAQS and there was evidence that the improved air quality is due to permanent, enforceable emission reductions. In addition, existing requirements are sufficient to maintain the 1997 eight-hour ozone standard in this area throughout the maintenance period.

Ohio EPA is now requesting a revision to the maintenance plan to update mobile emission projections and conformity budgets based on emission rates generated from U.S. EPA's latest mobile emissions model, the Motor Vehicle Emission Simulation (MOVES) 2010. In December 2009, MOVES replaced MOBILE6.2 as the U.S. EPA's official emission factor model.

These actions must be noticed to allow public comment and to satisfy U.S. EPA requirements for public involvement in SIP related activities. This notice addresses Ohio EPA's reliance on the emission projections as evidence of attainment and maintenance and the commitment to institute contingency measures if ambient exceedances or violations trigger the contingency plan requirements. Written comments will be received on or before May 31, 2012 at the following address:

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Pursuant to Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, a public hearing on this redesignation request will be conducted as follows: May 31, 2012 at 3:00 P.M., at Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency located at 250 William Howard Taft Road, Cincinnati, Ohio.

All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented at the hearings and give written or oral comments on these changes. 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 May 31, 2012 will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this redesignation. Written statements submitted after May 31, 2012 may be considered as time and circumstances permit, but will not be part of the official record of the hearing.

This redesignation and maintenance request is available on Ohio EPA DAPC's Web page for electronic downloading at: <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/SIP/1997.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 Sarah VanderWielen, (614)-644-3632, sarah.vanderwielen@epa.state.oh.us or Jennifer Dines at (614) 644-3696, Jennifer.dines@epa.state.oh.us or mailed to Sarah VanderWielen or Jennifer Dines at the above address.