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**Ohio EPA Seeks Public Comments on
Proposed Sulfur Dioxide Nonattainment Areas;
Public Hearings to be Held May 17-19**

After reviewing results of monitoring for a new federal one-hour sulfur dioxide standard, Ohio EPA is recommending to U.S. EPA which counties to put in nonattainment status. Ohio EPA is recommending seven counties and two townships in northeast and southeast Ohio as nonattainment areas. The Agency will hold three public hearings on May 17, 18 and 19, 2011, to accept comments on the [draft recommendation](#).

The May 17 hearing will be held at Parma Heights Library, 6206 Pearl Rd., Parma Heights. On May 18, a hearing will be held at Eastern Gateway Community College, Pugliese Training Center, Rooms 111/113, 110 John Scott Highway in Steubenville. The May 19 hearing will be held at the Pomeroy Public Library, 216 W. Main St., Pomeroy. All hearings will begin at 1:30 p.m.

On June 2, 2010, U.S. EPA replaced the national sulfur dioxide standard with a new one-hour standard of 75 parts per billion. Ohio's analysis shows that the following counties and townships should be designated as nonattainment: Belmont, Columbiana, Cuyahoga, Jefferson, Lake, Meigs and Morgan counties; and Cheshire Township in Gallia County and Waterford Township in Washington County.

Comments submitted at the hearing or by the close of business on May 19 will be considered by Ohio EPA before it submits a final recommendation to U.S. EPA. Written comments on the draft recommendation should be sent or emailed to Jennifer.Hunter@epa.ohio.gov, Ohio EPA, Division of Air Pollution Control, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, or given to the presiding officer at the public hearing. Written statements submitted after May 19 may be considered as time allows.

More information about the state's draft recommendation is available online or by contacting Jennifer Hunter, (614) 644-3696.

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