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Ohio EPA Proposes Amended Rule for Particulate Emissions From Industrial Processes

Ohio EPA is proposing an amended rule governing particulate emissions from industrial processes and is accepting public comments. The change is necessary for U.S. EPA to approve the state implementation plan (SIP) for particulate emissions.

The Agency will hold a public hearing to take comments on the proposed rule amendment Tuesday, Nov. 15, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. at Ohio EPA Central Office, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus. Visitors should register at the security desk in the entrance lobby and provide photo identification. All interested parties may present oral or written comments concerning the proposed amendment at the hearing.

The amendment to the rule would require that exemptions for surface coating operations be approved by both Ohio EPA and U.S. EPA since it would qualify as a revision to the state implementation plan.

Particulate matter consists of tiny particles suspended in the air. Particulate matter has been associated with heart attacks, chronic bronchitis, asthma attacks and missed school or work.

According to the Clean Air Act, Ohio EPA is required to establish a SIP to establish that the state has attained and is properly maintaining national air quality standards. A draft of the change was made available for a 30-day comment period that ended August 26, 2011.

After the hearing, all comments received will be taken into consideration and necessary revisions will be made and submitted to U.S. EPA. For more information about the proposed rule, contact Alan Harness at (614) 644-4838, or write to Alan Harness, Ohio EPA Division of Air Pollution Control, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, or email alan.hararness@epa.state.oh.us. [The proposed rule, fact sheet and other information](#) also are available online under the heading "particulate matter standards."