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Ohio EPA is Seeking Public Comments on Air Quality Plan for Lead

Ohio EPA has drafted a plan to demonstrate to U.S. EPA that Ohio effectively regulates lead emissions. These recommendations are outlined in a State Implementation Plan (SIP) now available for public comment.

The plan will be the subject of a public hearing on Tuesday, October 11, 2011. The hearing will be held at Ohio EPA's Central Office, 50 West Town Street, Columbus, at 2 p.m. Those attending the hearing must show a photo ID and leave time to check in at the security desk.

The plan must show that Ohio EPA can meet several required program elements including:

- lead emissions limits and controls;
- ambient air quality monitoring;
- enforcement of lead control measures;
- provisions to address interstate transport of lead emissions;
- adequate resources for funding and personnel;
- provisions for emergency episodes and to address the future need for revisions;
- a plan for areas that don't meet the lead standard of 0.15 micrograms per cubic meter; and
- permitting fee provisions.

[The infrastructure SIP](#), addressing Ohio's tools for lead program implementation, is available on Ohio EPA's website.

All interested persons are encouraged to testify or submit written comments by the close of business October 11. Comments submitted after the deadline will not become part of the official hearing record, but may be considered as time permits. Those wishing to comment should contact Carolina Prado at (614) 644-2310, or email carolina.prado@epa.ohio.gov, or write to Ohio EPA, Attention: Carolina Prado, Division of Air Pollution Control, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, OH 43216.

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