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PUBLIC HEARING

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Ozone Redesignation Request and :
Maintenance Plan :
Cleveland, Akron, Lorain :
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Transcript of proceedings before the
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, taken at Ohio EPA
Northeast Office, 2110 E. Aurora Road, Twinsburg, Ohio
on Monday, June 27, 2016, commencing at 3:25 p.m.

APPEARANCES:

Kristopher Weiss, Ohio EPA Public Interest Center

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P R O C E E D I N G S

MR. WEISS: My name is
Kristopher Weiss. I am a public involvement
coordinator in Ohio EPA's Public Interest Center
and will preside over today's public hearing.

Thank you for taking time to attend
this hearing before the Ohio Environmental
Protection Agency. The purpose of the hearing
today is to obtain comments from any interested
person regarding plans to request U.S. EPA to
officially revise the current air quality
designation from nonattainment to attainment for
the Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, Ohio 2008 eight-hour
ozone standard nonattainment area. This area is
comprised of Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake,
Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit counties.
Air quality monitoring data collected between
2013 and 2015 in the region demonstrated
attainment of the 2008 eight-hour ozone standard
and there is evidence that the improvement in
air quality is due to permanent, enforceable
emission reductions. In addition, Ohio's
proposed maintenance plan demonstrates existing
requirements are sufficient to maintain the
2008 eight-hour ozone standard in this area at

1 least ten years into the future. As part of an
2 acceptable maintenance plan, Ohio EPA is
3 required to develop a contingency plan to
4 provide for additional emissions reductions if a
5 violation of the NAAQS is monitored after the
6 area has been redesignated. The contingency
7 plan which Ohio EPA is proposing to U.S. EPA as
8 part of this action contains additional
9 reductions which could help alleviate any
10 violations until a revised SIP could be
11 developed.

12 All interested persons are entitled to
13 attend or be represented, and to present oral
14 and/or written comments concerning the proposed
15 action. All written and oral comments received
16 as part of the official record will be
17 considered by the director of Ohio EPA.

18 To be included in the official record,
19 written comments must be received by Ohio EPA by
20 close of business, today June 27, 2016. These
21 comments may be filed with me today or e-mailed
22 to Erica.fettydavis@epa.ohio.gov. All written
23 comments submitted for the record receive the
24 same consideration as oral testimony given
25 today.

1 Written statements submitted after
2 today may be considered as time and
3 circumstances permit, but will not be part of
4 the official record of the hearing.

5 If you wish to present oral testimony
6 at this hearing today and have not already
7 signed the registration sheet, please do so at
8 this time. The sheet is available at the
9 registration table. Persons will be called in
10 the order in which they have registered.

11 There is no cross-examination of
12 speakers or of representatives of Ohio EPA in
13 public hearings such as this. Ohio EPA hearings
14 such as this afford citizens the opportunity to
15 provide comments on the official record.
16 Therefore, we will not be able to answer
17 questions during the hearing. However, members
18 of the panel may ask clarifying questions of the
19 person testifying to ensure the record is as
20 complete and accurate as possible.

21 I will now read the names of those who
22 have registered at this hearing and will give
23 each person an opportunity to testify.

24 (No names were registered.)

25 Is there anyone else who wishes to

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testify at this time?

Seeing no further requests for testimony, I remind you that written comments can be submitted through the close of business today, June 27.

Thank you for attending. The time is now 3:30 p.m. and this hearing is adjourned.

(Hearing concluded at 3:30 p.m.)

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1 State of Ohio,)
2 County of Lake.) SS:

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4 This certifies that the foregoing is a true
5 and correct transcript of the proceedings had
6 before the State of Ohio, Environmental,
7 Protection Agency, in Twinsburg, Ohio on
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