

BEFORE THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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In Re: Draft Ozone Columbus Ozone
Redesignation Hearing

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PROCEEDINGS

Before Darla Peelle, Public Information Officer,
at the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, 50
West Town Street, Conference Room A, Columbus,
Ohio, on Thursday, June 2, 2016, at 3:00 P.M.

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Thursday Afternoon,
June 2, 2016.

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MS. PEELLE: My name is Darla Peelle, I am a Public Information Officer at the Ohio EPA. One of my jobs is to facilitate and moderate public hearings. So I will be presiding over today's meeting.

Thank you for taking time to attend this hearing before Ohio EPA. The purpose of the hearing today is to obtain comments from any interested person regarding the redesignation request that covers the Columbus 8-hour ozone nonattainment area in Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin, Knox, Licking and Madison counties.

Air quality data collected between 2012 and 2014 demonstrates the area is now meeting the 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard and that the standard is being met due to permanent, enforceable emission reductions. Projects and computer modeling indicate the area can continue to meet the 2008 ozone standard for at least the next 10 years.

Ohio also is requesting that the

1 U.S. EPA approve the state's maintenance plan
2 for this area. The plan includes actions that
3 can be taken to achieve additional emission
4 reductions if the ozone standard is not achieved
5 after the area is redesignated.

6 All interested persons are entitled
7 to attend or be represented, and to present oral
8 and/or written comments concerning the proposed
9 redesignation. All written and oral comments
10 received as part of the official record will be
11 considered by the Director of Ohio EPA before a
12 final decision is made.

13 To be included in the official
14 record, written comments must be received by
15 Ohio EPA by the close of business today,
16 Thursday, June 2, 2016. These comments may be
17 filed with me today or e-mailed to Erica Fetty
18 Davis at erica.fetty@epa.state.oh.us or Jennifer
19 Van Vlerah at jennifer.vanvlerah@epa.ohio.gov.
20 All written comments submitted for the record
21 receive the same consideration as oral testimony
22 that's given today.

23 Written statements submitted after
24 today may be considered as time and

1 circumstances permit, but will not be part of
2 the official record of today's hearing.

3 If you would like to provide
4 testimony please let me know at this time.

5 Seeing that no one wishes to provide
6 testimony at this time, the time is now 3:02 and
7 we will go off record until 3:30 P.M.

8 (RECESS TAKEN)

9 (At 3:40 P.M. the hearing was
10 concluded after no one appeared at the hearing
11 to give testimony)

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on June 2, 2016, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Michael O. Spencer,
Registered Professional
Reporter.

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