

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT AND HEARING

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is offering an opportunity for public comment, and will hold a public hearing, on the *Proposed Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the West Virginia Portion of the Huntington-Ashland (WV-KY-OH) 1997 PM_{2.5} Nonattainment Area*. The document concerns two inter-related actions regarding the West Virginia portion of the nonattainment area, comprising Cabell and Wayne Counties and the Graham Tax District in Mason County. First, DEP is requesting that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) redesignate the area to attainment pursuant to the provisions of the Clean Air Act, section 107. Second, DEP is asking that EPA concurrently approve, as a revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP), the related maintenance plan which demonstrates that the area will continue to meet the PM_{2.5} air quality standards for at least ten more years. DEP is expressly soliciting comment on whether the proposed maintenance plan adequately meets the requirements of the Clean Air Act, section 175A, as well as any relevant comments regarding the incorporation of the finalized maintenance plan into the West Virginia SIP.

The area was designated as nonattainment with the 1997 PM_{2.5} annual National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) in the January 5, 2005 *Federal Register* [70 FR 944], effective April 5, 2005. DEP demonstrates in its proposed submittal that certified air quality data confirms the area is now meeting the PM_{2.5} NAAQS. Further, DEP shows that the expected air quality improvement has been achieved through federally enforceable emission reduction measures. Finally, DEP shows that with expected growth and federally enforceable controls, the area will continue attainment of the PM_{2.5} NAAQS for at least ten years.

Written and oral comments will be accepted until the close of the public hearing and will be made part of the formal record. The public hearing shall be held beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday June 21, 2011 at DEP headquarters: 601 57th Street SE, Charleston WV 25304. Written comments will also be accepted for inclusion in the formal record by mail, facsimile (304-926-0479), e-mail (Tammy.L.Mowrer@wv.gov) or other delivery to the Division of Air Quality if received by the close of business on June 21, 2011. Send written comments to be included in the formal record to John A. Benedict, Director, Division of Air Quality at the address above. Please identify the document to which the comments apply, the commenter's name, address, and telephone number.

Copies of the proposed SIP revision and documentation may be viewed on weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Division of Air Quality, 601 57th SE, Charleston, WV 25304. Copies may alternatively be reviewed at the KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission, 720 Fourth Avenue, Huntington WV 25712, phone: (304) 523-7434. The relevant documents may also be accessed via the following web address:

<http://www.dep.wv.gov/daq/General/Pages/PublicNoticeandComment.aspx>