

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Division of Air Quality is soliciting comment on, and will hold a public hearing on, Maintenance Plan Updates for five ozone maintenance areas. These areas include Charleston (Kanawha & Putnam Counties), Huntington (Cabell & Wayne Counties), Parkersburg (Wood County), Weirton (Brooke and Hancock Counties) and Wheeling (Marshall & Ohio Counties), West Virginia which were formerly designated nonattainment for the 1997 8-hour Ozone Standards. All the areas were subsequently redesignated to attainment, with federally approved maintenance plans. The comment period will begin on January 14, 2011 and end at the conclusion of the public hearing, which will begin at 6 p.m. on February 14, 2011, at the Division of Environmental Protection's Charleston headquarters, 601 57<sup>th</sup> Street S.E., Charleston, WV 25304.

The State of West Virginia is requesting that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approve revisions to the current 8-hour ozone maintenance plans for all five areas. These revisions reallocate emissions from the existing "safety margins" to increase the available motor vehicle emission budgets (MVEB) for highway vehicles in each of the maintenance plans. The MVEBs are being increased in anticipation of mandatory use of EPA's most recently approved highway vehicle emissions model, the Motor Vehicle Emission Simulator (MOVES), in future transportation conformity determinations. Once finalized, the revised Maintenance Plans will be submitted to EPA for approval and incorporation as revisions to the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

Written and oral comments will be accepted during the hearing and will be made part of the official record. Written comments will also be accepted for inclusion in the official record by mail, facsimile (304-926-0479), e-mail ([comments@wv.dep.gov](mailto:comments@wv.dep.gov)) or other delivery to the Division of Air Quality if postmarked or transmitted by the close of business on February 14, 2011. Send written comments to John A. Benedict, Director, Division of Air Quality at the above address.

Copies of the proposed maintenance plans will be available for public review between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the DEP Charleston office located at the above address, and may be viewed electronically on the Division of Air Quality website under the public notice and comment section:

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