

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 a proposed revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) to attain and maintain the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for sulfur dioxide (SO₂). In this proposed revision to the SIP, DEP demonstrates that the West Virginia portion of the Steubenville-Weirton, OH-WV SO₂ nonattainment area, comprised of the Cross Creek Tax District in Brooke County, West Virginia, will meet the 1-hour SO₂ NAAQS by the mandatory date of October 4, 2018. Further, DEP shows that the expected air quality improvement will be achieved through federally enforceable emission reduction measures. The area was designated as nonattainment with the 2010 1-hour SO₂ NAAQS in the August 5, 2013 *Federal Register* [78 FR 47191], effective October 4, 2013.

Once finalized the *Attainment Demonstration for the 1-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) State Implementation Plan for the West Virginia Portion of the Steubenville-Weirton, OH-WV Nonattainment Area, Comprising the Cross Creek Tax District of Brooke County* will be submitted to U.S. EPA for approval and incorporation as a revision to the SIP. Written and oral comments will be accepted until the close of the public hearing and will be made part of the formal record. Please identify the document to which the comments apply, the commenter's name, address and telephone number.

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 January 4, 2016. Transmit written comments to William F. Durham, Director of the Division of Air Quality at the following address:

WV Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Air Quality
601 57th Street, SE
Charleston, WV 25304

The public hearing shall be held beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, January 4, 2016 at the following location:

WV Department of Environmental Protection
DEP Northern Panhandle Regional Office
Conference Room (Room 122)
131A Peninsula Street
Wheeling, WV 26003

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 DEP Northern Panhandle Regional Office located at the above Wheeling address. Copies will also be available for public review at the Division of Air Quality, 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, WV 25304. The relevant documents may also be accessed via the following web address:

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