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Public Notice

West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Division of Air Quality

Comment Period Opens: October 15, 2024

Comment Period Closes: November 15, 2024

Publication: WVDEP's Division of Air Quality's Public Notice and Comment Webpage

Publication Date: October 15, 2024

Type of Notice: Public Comment Period

Location: Statewide

Proposed Activity: *Exceptional Events Demonstration for an Exceedance of the 2024 Annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS at Martinsburg, West Virginia on June 29, 2023 Due to Smoke from Canadian Wildfires (Martinsburg Monitor Exceptional Events Demonstration)*

Project Description: The Martinsburg Monitor Exceptional Events Demonstration includes:

A demonstration of the extraordinarily high PM_{2.5} measurement at the Martinsburg, WV PM monitor on June 29, 2023 was caused by the 2023 Canadian Wildfires, and this regulatorily significant data point should be excluded from the 2023 design value calculation for the Hagerstown-Martinsburg, MD-WV Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA).

DAQ is limiting public comments to the proposed Martinsburg Monitor Exceptional Events Demonstration and will not accept comments not related to the demonstration.

Upon completion of the Public Notice period, the Martinsburg Monitor Exceptional Events Demonstration will be submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as part of the 2024 PM_{2.5} NAAQS attainment designation process for the Hagerstown-Martinsburg, MD-WV MSA.

The proposed Martinsburg Monitor Exceptional Events Demonstration is available at:

- the DAQ website at <https://dep.wv.gov/daq/publicnoticeandcomment/Pages/default.aspx>
- If you do not have internet capability, please contact DAQ for alternatives.

Point of Contact: Todd Shrewsbury (Todd.H.Shrewsbury@wv.gov or 304-926-0475)

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Written comments will be made part of the official record. Written comments may be submitted at any time during the public comment period as instructed below. Written comments must be received by 5:00 pm on November 15, 2024. Written comments received after 5:00 pm on November 15, 2024 will not be accepted.

Written Comments:

- E-mail written comments to Todd.H.Shrewsbury@wv.gov with “Martinsburg Monitor Exceptional Events Demonstration Comments” in the subject line, or
- Mail hard copy comments to the attention of Todd Shrewsbury at the WV Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality, 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304.

As part of the public notice process, Public Comments and a Response to Public Comments document will be prepared and included within Appendix B and Appendix C, respectively, of the Martinsburg Monitor Exceptional Events Demonstration.