

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on a proposed *West Virginia State Implementation Plan Revision for Clean Air Act § 110(a)(2)(A)-(M) Requirements for 2015 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS* with regard to the 2015 primary and secondary 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). The proposed revision does not address Clean Air Act (CAA) § 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I). The state implementation plan (SIP) is the plan developed by West Virginia to fulfill its responsibilities under the CAA to attain and maintain the NAAQS promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). A public hearing will take place beginning at 6:00 p.m. on August 28, 2018 in the Dolly Sods Conference Room at the DEP headquarters located at 601 57th Street SE, Charleston, WV 25304. The public comment period commences July 27, 2018 and ends at the conclusion of the public hearing on August 28, 2018.

On October 1, 2015, the EPA revised the primary and secondary NAAQS for ozone to an 8-hour standard of 0.070 part per million (ppm) or 70 parts per billion (ppb) [80 FR 65292, 26 Oct 2015]. Within three years of the promulgation of any new or revised NAAQS, CAA §§ 110(a)(1) and (2) require all states to adopt and submit to the EPA a plan which provides for the implementation, maintenance, and enforcement of a new or revised NAAQS. Such revisions are commonly referred to as “infrastructure SIPs.” CAA §§ 110(a)(2)(A) through (M), lists the required SIP elements. This proposed SIP revision demonstrates that West Virginia has adequate resources and authority to implement the 2015 Ozone NAAQS, and details how the state meets these requirements through authorities granted under state laws and regulations, as well as implementation of existing air programs. DEP is seeking comment on whether the proposed SIP revision adequately demonstrates West Virginia’s compliance with the pertinent federal CAA mandates related to these infrastructure SIP elements.

Upon completion of the public notice period, and after addressing any written or verbal comments, the DEP will submit the final documentation to the U.S. EPA as a revision to its SIP.

Copies of the proposed CAA § 110(a)(2)(A)-(M) SIP revision will be available for public review on or before August 28, 2018, at the DEP, Division of Air Quality’s Charleston office at the above address, or on the website at <https://dep.wv.gov/daq/publicnoticeandcomment/Pages/default.aspx>.

Send written comments to be included in the formal record to the attention of William F. Durham, Director, Division of Air Quality at the above address. Please identify the document to which the comments apply, the commenter’s name and organization, if applicable, address, and telephone number. Comments will also be accepted by e-mail at Laura.M.Jennings@wv.gov if received by 5:00 p.m. on August 28, 2018.