

Public Notice
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Recommended Designation of Nonattainment Area Boundaries
for the 2015 Ozone Standard

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) is soliciting comments regarding the extent of Ohio's nonattainment areas for the revised ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) which lowered the 8-hour standard from 75 parts per billion (ppb) to 70 ppb. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) adopted this revised ozone standard effective on October 1, 2015. The comments received will be used to formulate the State's formal recommendation proposal to U.S. EPA. Ohio EPA's preliminary recommendations are for the following counties to be designated nonattainment for the revised ozone standard: Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren Counties in the Ohio portion of the Cincinnati, OH-KY-IN designation area; Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit Counties in the Cleveland-Akron-Lorain, OH designation area; and Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin and Licking Counties in the Columbus, OH designation area.

These actions must be noticed to allow public comment and to satisfy U.S. EPA requirements for public involvement in state implementation plan related activities. Comments should be submitted on or before September 13, 2016 at the following address:

E-mail: holly.kaloz@epa.ohio.gov

Mailing address: Holly Kaloz
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, DAPC
Lazarus Government Center
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

Phone: (614) 644-3632

Pursuant to Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, a public hearing on these recommendations will be conducted on:

- September 8, 2016 at 3:00 PM, Hamilton County Dept. of Environmental Services, 250 William Howard Taft Rd., First Floor, Cincinnati, OH 45219;
- September 12, 2016 at 3:00 PM, at the Ohio EPA Northeast District Office, 2110 East Aurora Road, Twinsburg, OH 44087; and
- September 13, 2013 at 3:00 PM, at the Ohio EPA 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, OH 43215.

All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented at the hearing and give written or oral comments on these recommendations. All oral comments presented at

the hearing, and all written statements submitted at the hearing or to the above address by the close of business on September 13, 2016, will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on these recommendations. Written statements submitted after September 13, 2016, may be considered as time and circumstances permit, but will not be part of the official record of the hearing.

The 2015 ozone designation recommendation documentation is available on Ohio EPA DAPC's web page for electronic downloading at:
<http://epa.ohio.gov/dapc/SIP/2015.aspx>.

Questions regarding accessing the web site should be directed to Paul Braun at 614-644-3734; other questions or comments about this document should be directed to either Holly Kaloz at (614)-644-3632, Holly.Kaloz@epa.ohio.gov or Jennifer Van Vlerah at (614) 644-3696, Jennifer.VanVlerah@epa.ohio.gov or mailed to Holly Kaloz or Jennifer Van Vlerah at the above address.

OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Meeting held at the Hamilton County
Health Department, 250 William Howard Taft,
Cincinnati, Ohio on Thursday, September 8th, 2016
at 3:00 p.m. before Jamie S. Hurley, Court Reporter
and Notary Public within and for the State of Ohio.

Present:

Ms. Darla Peelle

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1 MS. PEELLE: My name is Darla
2 Peelle. I am a public involvement coordinator for
3 Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Public
4 Interest Center. The purpose of today's hearing is
5 to obtain comments from any interested person
6 regarding the extension of Ohio's nonattainment
7 areas for the revised ozone National Ambient Air
8 Quality Standard, also called, NAAQS, which lowered
9 the eight-hour standard from 75 parts per billion
10 to 70 parts per billion.

11 The US EPA adopted this revised
12 ozone standard effective on October 1, 2015. The
13 comments received will be used to formulate the
14 State's formal recommendation proposal to US EPA.
15 Ohio EPA's preliminary recommendations are for the
16 following counties to be designated nonattainment
17 for the revised ozone standard. Those counties are
18 Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, and Warren counties in
19 the Ohio portion of the Cincinnati OKI designation
20 area.

21 All interested persons are
22 entitled to attend or be represented and to present
23 oral and/or written comments concerning the
24 recommended designation of attainment area
25 boundaries for the 2015 standard. All written and

1 oral comments received as part of the official
2 record will be considered by the Director of Ohio
3 EPA prior to a final decision. To be included in
4 the official record, written comments must be
5 received by Ohio EPA by the close of business
6 September 16th, 2016. Those comments may be filed
7 with me today or e-mailed to Holly Kaloz,
8 K-A-L-O-Z, at holly.kaloz@epa.ohio.gov or submitted
9 via mail to Holly Kaloz, Ohio EPA, Division of Air
10 Pollution Control, P. O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio,
11 43216-1049. Holly's telephone number is (614)
12 644-3632.

13 There is no one present wishing to
14 testify. The time is now 3:12, and we will go off
15 record until 3:30 p.m.

16 (WHEREUPON, a recess was taken.)

17 MS. PEELLE: Seeing there is no
18 one present to provide testimony, the time is 3:31,
19 and this hearing is adjourned.

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21 (Meeting concluded at 3:31 p.m.)

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I, Jamie S. Hurley, a Court Reporter
and Notary Public do hereby certify that the
foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of
my notes taken in the above-styled case and
thereafter transcribed by me.

Jamie S. Hurley

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OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
PUBLIC HEARING

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Nonattainment Areas for the :
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Transcript of proceedings before the
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, taken at
the Ohio EPA Northeast District Office,
2110 East Aurora Road, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087,
on Monday, September 12, 2016, commencing at
3:00 p.m.

APPEARANCES:

Mike Settles, Ohio EPA Public Interest
Center

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PROCEEDINGS

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2 MR. SETTLES: Good afternoon.

3 Today is Monday, September 12, 2016, and the
4 time is 3:00 p.m. My name is Mike Settles. I
5 am a public involvement coordinator with Ohio
6 EPA's Public Interest Center and will be
7 presiding over today's public hearing.

8 If you wish to testify at this hearing
9 and have not already written your name on the
10 sign-in sheet located at the registration
11 table, please do so at this time.

12 Ohio EPA is soliciting public comments
13 regarding the recommended designation of
14 nonattainment areas for the revised ozone
15 National Ambient Air Quality Standard. The
16 8-hour ozone standard was lowered from 75
17 parts per billion to 70 parts per billion.
18 U.S. EPA adopted this revised standard on
19 October 1, 2015.

20 In the Cleveland-Akron-Lorain
21 designation area, Ohio EPA recommends the
22 following counties be designated
23 "nonattainment" for the revised ozone
24 standard: Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain,
25 Medina, Portage and Summit.

1 All interested persons are entitled to
2 attend or be represented and to present oral
3 and/or written comments concerning the
4 preliminary recommendation. Public comments
5 received during the comment period will be
6 used to formulate Ohio's formal recommendation
7 proposal to U.S. EPA.

8 To be included in the official record,
9 written comments must be received by Ohio EPA
10 by 5:00 p.m. tomorrow, September 13, 2016.
11 Comments may be filed with me or emailed to
12 holly.kaloz@epa.ohio.gov. All written
13 comments submitted for the record will receive
14 the same consideration as oral testimony given
15 at today's hearing.

16 Written statements submitted after
17 tomorrow may be considered as time and
18 circumstances permit, but will not be part of
19 the official record.

20 Seeing that there is no one requesting
21 to testify, we will go off the record until
22 3:30 p.m. to see if anyone shows and would
23 like to testify.

24 (Off the record.)

25 MR. SETTLES: It is now 3:30 p.m.,

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and we are back on the record.

Is there anyone wishing to testify?
Seeing no requests, I'll remind you that
written comments can be submitted through
5:00 p.m. tomorrow, September 13, 2016, by
emailing them to holly.kaloz@epa.ohio.gov.

The time is now 3:31 p.m., and this
hearing is adjourned.

(Hearing adjourned at 3:31 p.m.)

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1 State of Ohio,)
) SS:
2 County of Cuyahoga.)

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4 C E R T I F I C A T E

5 This certifies that the foregoing is a true
6 and correct transcript of the proceedings had
7 before the State of Ohio, Environmental
8 Protection Agency, at the the Ohio
9 EPA Northeast District Office,
10 2110 East Aurora Road, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087,
11 On Monday, September 12, 2016, commencing at
12 3:00 p.m.

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14 In Re:

15 Nonattainment Areas for the
16 2015 Ozone Standard

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COURT REPORTER

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BEFORE THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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In Re: Ozone Redesignation of
Nonattainment

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PROCEEDINGS

Public hearing held before Kristopher Weiss,
Public Involvement Coordinator for Ohio EPA's
Public Interest Center, held at the offices of
the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, 50
West Town Street, Conference Room A, Columbus,
Ohio, on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at 3:00
P.M.

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1 Tuesday Afternoon,
2 September 13, 2016.

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4 MR. WEISS: My name is Kristopher
5 Weiss. I am a public involvement coordinator in
6 the Ohio EPA's Public Interest Center and will
7 preside over today's public hearing.

8 Thank you for taking time to attend
9 this hearing before the Ohio Environmental
10 Protection Agency. The purpose of the hearing
11 today is to obtain comments from any interested
12 person regarding Ohio EPA's draft ozone
13 nonattainment area recommendations.

14 On October 1, 2015, U.S. EPA
15 promulgated a revision to the eight-hour ozone
16 standard of 70 parts per billion. States must
17 submit recommended nonattainment areas to U.S.
18 EPA in October 2016. Ohio EPA has analyzed air
19 quality data from 2013-2015 along with
20 preliminary 2016 data and other factors to
21 recommend nonattainment areas to U.S. EPA. The
22 Columbus, Ohio draft nonattainment area
23 recommendations are comprised of Delaware,
24 Fairfield, Franklin and Licking counties.

1 All interested persons are entitled
2 to attend or be represented, and to present oral
3 and/or written comments concerning the proposed
4 action. All written and oral comments received
5 as part of the official record will be
6 considered by the Director of Ohio EPA.

7 To be included in the official
8 record written comments must be received by Ohio
9 EPA by close of business, today, September 13,
10 2016. These comments may be filed with me today
11 or e-mailed to holly.kaloz@epa.ohio.gov. All
12 written comments submitted for the record
13 receive the same consideration as oral testimony
14 given today.

15 Written statements submitted after
16 today may be considered as time and
17 circumstances permit, but will not be part of
18 the official record of the hearing.

19 If you wish to present oral
20 testimony at this hearing today and have not
21 already signed the registration sheet, please do
22 so at this time. The sheet is available at the
23 registration table. Persons will be called in
24 the order in which they have registered.

1 There is no cross examination of
2 speakers or of representatives of Ohio EPA in
3 public hearings such as this. Ohio EPA hearings
4 such as this afford citizens the opportunity to
5 provide comments on the official record.

6 Therefore, we will not be able to answer
7 questions during the hearing. However, members
8 of the panel may ask clarifying questions of the
9 person testifying to ensure the record is as
10 complete and accurate as possible.

11 Is there anyone who wished to
12 testify at this time?

13 Seeing no requests for testimony, I
14 remind you that written comments can be
15 submitted through the close of business today,
16 September 13, 2016.

17 Thank you for attending. The time
18 is now 3:30 P.M. and the hearing is adjourned.

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CERTIFICATE

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by me in this matter on September 13, 2016, and carefully compared with my original stenographic notes.

Michael O. Spencer

Michael O. Spencer,
Registered Professional
Reporter.

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