

**Proposed Changes to the Regional Haze State Implementation Plan Revision:  
BART Limits for the Cheswick Power Plant, Allegheny County**

**Public Hearing**

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is proposing changes to the approved Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision to modify and correct certain errors in the original submittal. Pennsylvania's Regional Haze SIP revision was submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on December 20, 2010. On July 13, 2012, EPA granted "limited approval" of the SIP submittal (77 FR 41279). EPA also issued a "limited disapproval" of certain Regional Haze SIP revisions because states including Pennsylvania relied on the Clean Air Interstate Rule to satisfy certain requirements (77 FR 33642, June 7, 2012).

In this proposed SIP revision, the Department refers to the approved Regional Haze SIP revision as the December 20, 2010, Regional Haze SIP. This proposed SIP revision is submitted in accordance with the visibility and regional haze provisions of Sections 169A and 169B of the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 7491, 7492, and the federal regional haze rule codified at 40 C.F.R. § 51.308.

This proposed SIP revision will make changes to information relating to Boiler No. 1 of the Orion Power (now GenOn Power Midwest LP) Cheswick Generating Station (the Cheswick Plant) in Allegheny County, relating to BART control levels. These changes include updating the facility owner's name, updating the permit numbers and dates of issuance for the boiler, correcting the emission limit for particulate matter less than 10 micrometers (PM<sub>10</sub>) for the boiler, and deleting the emission limits for SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> that were mistakenly included in the December 20, 2010, Regional Haze SIP revision. This proposed SIP revision will also replace the BART review memorandum completed by the Allegheny County Health Department for the Cheswick Plant with a new review memo dated November 7, 2012. None of the proposed corrections or updates will interfere with any applicable Clean Air Act requirement, including Pennsylvania's reasonable progress to achieving natural visibility conditions as required by the Clean Air Act.

The Department is seeking public comment on this proposed SIP revision. The proposed Regional Haze SIP revision is available on the Department's Web site at [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us) (choose keyword: 'Clean air plans'), or through the contact persons listed below.

The Department will hold three public hearings on this proposed SIP revision according to the following schedule:

- January 21, 2014; at 1:00 PM at the Department's Southwest Regional Office, 400 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; and
- January 21, 2014; at 1:00 PM at the Department's Southcentral Regional Office, 909 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and

- January 21, 2014; at 1:00 PM at the Department's Southeast Regional Office, 2 East Main Street, Norristown, Pennsylvania.

Persons wishing to present testimony at a hearing should contact Alex Haas, P.O. Box 8468, Harrisburg, PA 17105, 717.787.9495 or [alehaas@pa.gov](mailto:alehaas@pa.gov) to reserve a time. Persons who do not reserve a time will be able to testify as time allows. Witnesses should keep testimony to ten minutes and should provide two written copies of their statement at the hearing. Notice of the proposed SIP revision will also be published in newspapers of general circulation.

If, by January 16, 2014, no person has expressed an interest in attending a hearing, the hearing will be cancelled. The Department will notify the public if a hearing is cancelled on the Bureau of Air Quality webpage: <http://www.dep.state.pa.us/dep/deputate/airwaste/aq/default.htm>. Persons may contact the Department to find out if a meeting is cancelled by contacting Alex Haas at (717) 787-9495 or [alehaas@pa.gov](mailto:alehaas@pa.gov).

Persons with a disability who wish to attend a hearing and require an auxiliary aid, service or other accommodation to participate in the proceeding should contact Alex Haas at 717.787.9495 or [alehaas@pa.gov](mailto:alehaas@pa.gov). TDD users may contact the AT&T Relay Service at 800.654.5984 to discuss how the Department can best accommodate their needs.

The Department must receive written comments no later than January 22, 2014. Written comments should be sent to the attention of Bryan Oshinski, Division of Air Resource Management, Bureau of Air Quality, P.O. Box 8468, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8468 or by e-mail to [boshinski@pa.gov](mailto:boshinski@pa.gov). Please use "Regional Haze SIP Revision" in the subject line, and include the name, affiliation (if any), mailing address and telephone number of the interested person.

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