

## **Proposed State Implementation Plan Revision**

### **Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the Pennsylvania Portion of the Philadelphia-Wilmington, PA-NJ-DE Nonattainment Area for the 1997 Annual and 2006 24-Hour Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards; Public Hearing**

Particulate matter (PM) includes both solid and liquid particles suspended in the air. Fine particle pollution describes particulate matter that is less than or equal to 2.5 micrometers in diameter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>). PM<sub>2.5</sub> concentrations above the federal health-based standard pose a serious human health threat. With significant improvements in air quality in the Philadelphia Area, this nonattainment area now meets the 1997 annual and the 2006 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). Therefore, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) intends to submit a request to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to redesignate the area to attainment.

DEP is seeking public comments on the redesignation request and a proposed revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) containing the 2007 comprehensive inventory as required under Section 172(c)(3) of the federal Clean Air Act (CAA) and a maintenance plan demonstrating that the area can maintain the 2006 24-hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> health-based NAAQS for the next 10 years as required under Section 175A(a) of the CAA (42 U.S.C.A. § 7505a). Upon EPA approval, the maintenance plan will also establish new motor vehicle emission budgets for transportation conformity purposes.

The request to redesignate the area to attainment and the proposed SIP revision are available on DEP's website at [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us) (select "Air," then "Bureau of Air Quality," then "Regs/Plans," then "Clean Air Plans") or through the contact persons listed below.

DEP will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the proposal on Thursday, June 12, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., at the DEP Southeast Regional Office, 2 East Main Street, Norristown, PA 19401. Persons wishing to present testimony at the hearing should contact Alex Haas at P.O. Box 8468, Harrisburg, PA 17105, by phone at 717.787.9495 or via email at [alehaas@pa.gov](mailto:alehaas@pa.gov) to reserve a time. Witnesses should keep testimony to ten minutes and should provide two written copies of their statement at the hearing.

If by Tuesday, June 10, 2014, no person has expressed an interest in testifying at the hearing, the hearing will be cancelled. DEP will provide public notice on the Bureau of Air Quality webpage at: [www.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.dep.state.pa.us) (DEP Keyword, "Air") if the hearing is cancelled. Persons may also contact the DEP to find out if the hearing 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 the 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 DEP can best accommodate their needs.

DEP must receive comments no later than June 13, 2014. Written comments should be sent to the attention of Nancy Herb, Bureau of Air Quality, P.O. Box 8468, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8468, or nherb@pa.gov. Use "Philadelphia PM2.5 Redesignation" as the subject line in written communication.

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