

PROPOSED REVISION TO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN  
FOR OZONE FOR THE READING AREA (BERKS COUNTY)

Public Hearing

Ground-level ozone concentrations above the federal health-based standard are a serious human health threat and can also cause damage to crops, forests and wildlife. The Department of Environmental Protection is seeking public comment on a state implementation plan (SIP) revision for the Reading ozone maintenance area (Berks County).

On May 7, 1997, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved Pennsylvania's One-Hour Ozone Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the Reading area. The plan included a demonstration that through 2007, air quality would continue to meet national health-based standards and that emissions would be no greater than those in 1992. On January 29, 2002, EPA revised the methodology by which highway emissions are to be calculated. DEP is proposing to amend its maintenance plan to update the highway emissions inventory with this methodology. Once approved by EPA, this SIP revision will establish new 2004 and 2007 motor vehicle emissions budgets for the purposes of transportation conformity.

This proposal is available on the DEP Website at <http://www.dep.state.pa.us> (choose Information by Subject/Air Quality/Ozone/Clean Air Plans), or through the contact person(s) listed below.

The Department will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the SIP revision on Wednesday, November 12 at 10 a.m. at the Berks County Planning Commission, 633 Court Street, 14th Floor, Reading, Pennsylvania.

Persons wishing to present testimony at the hearing should contact Susan Ferree, 717-787-9495 (P.O. Box 8468, Harrisburg, PA 17105 or [sferree@state.pa.us](mailto:sferree@state.pa.us)) to reserve a time. If you do not reserve a time, you will be able to testify after pre-registrants. Witnesses should keep testimony to 10 minutes and should also provide two written copies of their testimony at the hearing. 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 DEP at the telephone above. TDD users may contact the AT&T Relay Service at 800-654-5984 to discuss how the Department can best accommodate their needs.

Written or e-mail comments should be sent to Arleen Shulman, [ashulman@state.pa.us](mailto:ashulman@state.pa.us), Division of Air Resource Management, Bureau of Air Quality, P.O. Box 8468, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8468 no later than close of business on November 14, 2003.

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