

**PROPOSED FINE PARTICULATE  
ATTAINMENT/NONATTAINMENT DESIGNATION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Announcement of Public Meetings

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is seeking public comment on its proposed recommendations to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the designation of areas not meeting the health-based National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for fine particulate. Once EPA makes final designations, expected in December 2004, Pennsylvania will be developing plans for these areas to meet the NAAQS. Reducing concentrations of this pollutant is important because levels above the health-based standard are a serious human health threat and also can cause or contribute to other negative environmental impacts.

Pennsylvania will recommend to EPA that boundaries for the designated areas generally follow metropolitan area and county boundaries. This approach is similar to the methodology used for designating areas under the eight-hour ozone health-based standard. This proposal is available on the DEP Website at <http://www.dep.state.pa.us> (choose Subject/Air Quality/Ozone/Clean Air Plans), or through the contact person(s) listed below.

DEP will hold informational meetings to discuss its proposed recommendations at the following times:

Tuesday, January 27, 2004, at 1:00 PM  
Southwest Regional Office, Waterfront Room A  
400 Waterfront Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Wednesday, January 28, 2004, at 1:00 PM  
PENNDOT Riverfront Office Center  
Transportation University – Room 411  
1101 S. Front Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17104

Thursday, January 29, 2004, at 2:00 PM  
Delaware Regional Planning Commission  
111 S. Independence Mall East (The Bourse Building)  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

To speed your access into state buildings, please contact Susan Ferree at 717-787-9495 ([sferree@state.pa.us](mailto:sferree@state.pa.us)) no later than Monday, January 26, 2004, if you wish to attend. Persons with a disability who wish to attend a meeting and require an auxiliary aid, service or other accommodation to participate in the proceeding should also contact Susan Ferree. TDD users may contact the AT&T Relay Service at 800-654-5984 to discuss how the Department can best accommodate their needs.

Written comments on the recommendations should be sent to J. Wick Havens, Chief, Air Resource Management Division, Bureau of Air Quality, P.O. Box 8468, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8468 or by e-mail (preferred) to [jhavens@state.pa.us](mailto:jhavens@state.pa.us) no later than 4:00 PM on February 6, 2004. Written comments (including e-mail submittals) must include the name, affiliation (if any), mailing address and telephone number of the interested person.

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Secretary