

PROPOSED REVISION TO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR OZONE FOR THE  
PHILADELPHIA OZONE NONATTAINMENT AREA

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 (DEP or the Department) is seeking public comment on a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision for the Philadelphia ozone nonattainment area (Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery and Philadelphia counties).

The Clean Air Act requires the Philadelphia area to have made incremental reductions in the emissions that cause ground-level ozone through 2005. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved the most recent "rate of progress" demonstration in October 2001. In January 2002, EPA revised the methodology by which highway vehicle emissions are calculated. The Department is now proposing to revise its SIP to include a demonstration that the area continues to meet the 2005 rate of progress requirements with this new methodology.

This proposal is available on the DEP Website at <http://www.dep.state.pa.us> (Keyword: 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 Thursday, January 29, 2004, at 1:00 PM at the offices of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, The Bourse Building, 111 South Independence Mall East, 8th Floor, Philadelphia. Directions can be found at [www.dvrpc.org](http://www.dvrpc.org).

Persons wishing to present testimony at the hearing should contact Susan Ferree, 717-787-9495 (P.O. Box 8468, Harrisburg, PA 17105) 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 Wick Havens 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 comments on the proposed revisions to the SIP should be sent to Wick Havens, Chief, Division of Air Resource Management, Bureau of Air Quality, P.O. Box 8468, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8468 no later than close of business on January 30, 2004.

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