

State Implementation Plan Notice; Concerning Reasonable Available Control Technology Determinations for the 2008 and 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards

The Pennsylvania _ United States Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Control Technique Guideline (CTG) EPA-450/3-83-008, 1983/11 for Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Manufacture of High-Density Polyethylene, Polypropylene, and Polystyrene Resins.

<i>County</i>	<i>Permit Number</i>	<i>Facility Name</i>
<i>Beaver</i>	<i>04-00306</i>	<i>BASF Corporation/Monaca Plant Gibraltar</i>

The Department has determined that the provisions and requirements of this permit meet the CTG RACT requirements for the control of VOC emissions for the subject sources. These provisions and requirements are intended to address the Commonwealth’s RACT obligations under sections 182 and 184 of the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 7511a, 7511c) for the 1997, 2008 and 2015 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

The Department has reviewed Permit No 04-00306 (See https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2017-08/documents/basf_corp.pdf) which was submitted to and approved by EPA as RACT for the 1997 ozone NAAQS for the affected sources at the BASF Monaca Plant. See 66 FR 52705; 10/17/2001. The permit conditions for affected sources at BASF (as included in the SIP via this permit) meet or exceed the guidelines of the CTG, the other states, and the other resources reviewed by the Department (See 55 Pa.B. 6936 September 27, 2025 for details. <https://greenport.pa.gov/elibrary/GetFolder?FolderID=1842701>). The Department is proposing to certify that the RACT requirements applicable to BASF already in the SIP are adequate to implement RACT for the 1997, 2008, and 2015 ozone NAAQS. This SIP certification will be submitted to EPA to meet the Commonwealth’s CTG RACT under the federal CAA.

Public Comment Details:

A 30-day public comment period is being provided for persons wishing to file a written protest, objection, comments or additional information which they believe should be considered prior to the submission of the proposed revision of the SIP to the EPA. Persons wishing to file a written protest or provide comments or additional information may submit the information to Thomas Joseph, Environmental Engineering Manager, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Southwest Regional Office, 400 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 on or before the closing date of this 30-day public comment period. The 30-day public comment period closes on March 30, 2026.

Each written submission must contain the name, address and telephone number of the person submitting the comments, identification of the proposal, including the permit number, and a concise statement regarding the issue with the RACT proposal on which the person is commenting and the relevancy of the information or objections to the fact that the owner or operator of the facility is complying with RACT via EPA's CTG for Manufacture of High-Density Polyethylene, Polypropylene, and Polystyrene Resins.

Public hearing. A public hearing will be held on March 31, 2026, from 10-11 a.m. at the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Southwest Regional Office, 400 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. To register to speak at a hearing, or to inquire if a hearing will be held, please contact Thomas Joseph, Environmental Engineering Manager, at 412-442-4336. The last day to pre-register to speak at the hearing will be March 24, 2026. If we do not receive any pre-registered speakers by this date, the hearing will be cancelled.

Please note that any updates made to any aspect of the hearing, including whether or not a hearing will be held, will be posted online at <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/dep/dep-regions/southwest-regional-office/ract-iii>. We ask that you contact Thomas Joseph, Environmental Engineering Manager, at 412-442-4336 or monitor our website to determine if a hearing will be held.

Persons wishing to present testimony at the hearing should contact Thomas Joseph, Environmental Engineering Manager, at 412-442-4336 at least one week in advance of the hearing to reserve a time to present testimony. Oral testimony will be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes per individual and one written copies of the oral testimony are requested. Each organization is requested to designate one witness to present testimony on its behalf. Persons unable to attend the hearing, if it is held, may submit a copy of a written statement and exhibits within 10 days thereafter to Thomas Joseph, Environmental Engineering Manager, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Southwest Regional Office, 400 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

All pertinent documents are available for public review between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Southwest Regional Office, 400 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. Appointments for scheduling a review may be made online at <https://www.dep.pa.gov/Citizens/PublicRecords/Pages/Informal-File-Review.aspx> and by contacting Thomas Joseph, Environmental Engineering Manager, at 412-442-4336 or tjoseph@pa.gov.

Persons with a disability who wish to comment and require an auxiliary aid, service or other accommodations to do so should contact Laina Aquiline at 412-442-4311 or the Pennsylvania AT&T Relay Service at 1-800-654-5984 (TDD) to discuss how the Department may accommodate your needs.