

**Public Notice**  
**Ohio Environmental Protection Agency**  
**Amendment to Recommended Designation of Nonattainment Area Boundaries for**  
**the 2012 Annual PM2.5 Standard**

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) recently issued public notices soliciting comments regarding the extent of Ohio's nonattainment areas for the revised annual PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) which lowered the 1997 annual standard from 15.0 micrograms per cubic meter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) to 12.0  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) adopted this revised annual PM2.5 standard effective on December 14, 2012. Since that time, Ohio EPA identified Montgomery County as an additional area that is not attaining the standard based on 2010 to 2012 air quality data. The 3-year design value for monitor 39-113-0031, located in Montgomery County, is 12.3  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ . Ohio EPA is now also soliciting comments regarding the addition of this county as a recommended nonattainment county. The comments received will be used to formulate the State's formal recommendation proposal to U.S. EPA. Ohio EPA's preliminary recommendations are for the following counties to be designated nonattainment for the revised annual PM2.5 standard: Montgomery, Cuyahoga, Stark, Jefferson, Butler, Clermont, and Hamilton. The remainder of the State is recommended as unclassifiable/attainment.

These actions must be noticed to allow public comment and to satisfy U.S. EPA requirements for public involvement in state implementation plan related activities. Comments should be submitted on or before December 5, 2013 at the following address:

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Pursuant to Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, public hearings on these recommendations will be conducted on:

December 4, 2013 at 1:00 PM, at the Stark County Library, Sandy Valley Branch, 9754 Cleveland Ave SE., Magnolia, Ohio, 44643; and

December 5, 2013 at 10:30 AM, at the Southwest Ohio Air Quality Agency, 250 William Howard Taft Road, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45219.

All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented at the hearing and give written or oral comments on these recommendations. All oral comments presented at

the hearing, and all written statements submitted at the hearing or to the above address by the close of business on December 5, 2013, will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on these recommendations. Written statements submitted after December 5, 2013, may be considered as time and circumstances permit, but will not be part of the official record of the hearing.

The PM2.5 designation recommendation documentation is available on Ohio EPA DAPC's Web page for electronic downloading at:  
<http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/SIP/2013.aspx>. Questions regarding accessing the web site should be directed to Arunee Niamlarb at 614-728-1342; other questions or comments about this document should be directed to Jennifer Van Vlerah at (614) 644-3696, [Jennifer.dines@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:Jennifer.dines@epa.state.oh.us) or mailed to Jennifer Van Vlerah at the above address.