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OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
PUBLIC HEARING

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In Re: :  
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Ohio EPA Redesignation 24 hour :  
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Transcript of proceedings before the Ohio  
Environmental Protection Agency, taken at the  
Stark County Library, Sandy Valley Branch, 9754  
Cleveland Avenue, S.E., Magnolia, Ohio, 44643, on  
Wednesday, December 4, 2013, commencing at  
1:24 p.m.

APPEARANCES:

- Darla Peelle, Hearing Officer
- Erika Fetty, Ohio EPA
- Kaitlyn Ruza, Ohio EPA

1 HEARING OFFICER: As I said, my name is  
2 Darla Peelle and I am a public information  
3 officer in Ohio EPA's Public Interest Center.  
4 I will be presiding over today's hearing.  
5 Thank you for taking the time to attend the  
6 hearing.

7 The purpose of today's hearing is to  
8 obtain comments from any interested person  
9 regarding Ohio EPA's proposed action. Based  
10 on air quality monitoring data, Ohio EPA plans  
11 to recommend that U.S. EPA designate seven  
12 counties, Cuyahoga, Jefferson, Hamilton,  
13 Butler, Clermont, Montgomery and Stark, as  
14 non-attainment under the new federal annual  
15 particulate matter standard.

16 Close the door. Thank you.

17 U.S. EPA adopted a new, more stringent  
18 annual particulate matter standard on December  
19 14th, 2012. States must submit the  
20 recommended non-attainment areas to U.S. EPA  
21 by December 14th, 2013. U.S. EPA will  
22 finalize non-attainment designations by  
23 December 13th, 2014.

24 After the designations are effective,  
25 the states will have three years to develop

1 plans and implement air pollution control  
2 strategies to bring these areas into  
3 compliance with the standard.

4 All interested persons are entitled to  
5 attend or be represented, and to present oral  
6 and/or written comments concerning the  
7 proposed action. Comments received as a part  
8 of this will be considered by Ohio EPA before  
9 it submits its final recommendation to U.S.  
10 EPA.

11 Written comments on the proposed action  
12 should be e-mailed to  
13 Jennifer.dines@epa.ohio.gov, or mailed to  
14 Jennifer VanVlerah, Ohio EPA, Division of Air  
15 Pollution Control, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus,  
16 Ohio, 43216-1049. I can supply that  
17 information to you at the end of the hearing.

18 Written statements submitted after  
19 December 5th may be considered as time and  
20 circumstances permit, but will not be part of  
21 the official record of the hearing.

22 If you wish to present oral testimony  
23 at today's hearing and haven't already signed  
24 the registration sheet, please do so. Persons  
25 will be called in the order in which they are

1 registered.

2 There is no cross-examination of  
3 speakers or of representatives of Ohio EPA in  
4 public hearings such as this. Ohio EPA  
5 hearings provide citizens the opportunity to  
6 submit comments on the official record.  
7 Therefore, we will not be able to answer  
8 questions during the hearing. However, Ohio  
9 EPA staff may ask clarifying questions of the  
10 person testifying to ensure that the record is  
11 as complete and accurate as possible.

12 I will now read the names of those who  
13 have signed in. If you wish to provide  
14 testimony, please state and spell your name  
15 for the record. Dan Slicker?

16 MR. SLICKER: I don't have any  
17 testimony.

18 HEARING OFFICER: All right. Linda  
19 Morckel?

20 MS. MORCKEL: I have no testimony.

21 HEARING OFFICER: Okay. The time is  
22 now 1:27 and we will go off record for 30  
23 minutes. Okay? Thank you.

24 (Off the record at 1:27 o'clock p.m.)

25 HEARING OFFICER: All right. I will

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say the time is now 1:55. Seeing there are no requests to provide testimony, this meeting is adjourned. Thank you for coming.

(Hearing concluded at 1:55 p.m.)

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2 County of Portage. )

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