

1 PROCEEDINGS

2 MR. SETTLES: Good afternoon. The
3 time is 3:20. This hearing was to begin at
4 3:00, but we held off for a few minutes as
5 people showed. My name is Mike Settles. I'm
6 with Ohio EPA's Public Interest Center. I'll
7 be presiding over today's public hearing. The
8 purpose of this hearing is to obtain comments
9 from any interested person regarding Ohio
10 EPA's proposed action.

11 The State of Ohio is submitting to U.S.
12 EPA a State Implementation Plan, also known as
13 a SIP, to address non-attainment areas for the
14 sulfur dioxide, or SO₂, air quality standard.
15 This SIP specifically addresses the 2010
16 1-hour SO₂ national ambient air quality
17 standard. Lake County and other portions of
18 Ohio were designated non-attainment areas
19 under provisions contained in the Clean Air
20 Act.

21 Ohio submitted its preliminary SIP,
22 containing the attainment demonstration, to
23 U.S. EPA on April 3, 2015. This submittal is
24 now being made available for public comment
25 and includes a draft of the rules regulating

1 specific sources of SO2 emissions deemed
2 necessary to provide for attainment of the air
3 quality standard by October 4, 2018.

4 All interested parties and persons are
5 entitled to attend today's meeting and be
6 represented, and to present oral and/or
7 written comments concerning the proposed
8 action. All written and oral comments
9 received as part of the official record will
10 be considered by the Director of Ohio EPA.

11 To be included in the official record,
12 written comments must be received by Ohio EPA
13 by the close of business, today, July 9, 2015.
14 Comments may be filed with me or emailed to
15 jennifer.vanvlerah@epa.ohio.gov. All written
16 comments submitted for the record will receive
17 the same consideration as oral testimony given
18 today.

19 Comments submitted after the close of
20 the public comment period may be considered as
21 time and circumstances permit, but will not be
22 part of the official record.

23 If you wish to testify at this hearing
24 and have not already filled out the sign-in
25 sheet, please do so at this time. The sheet

1 is available at the registration table.
2 Persons will be called in the order in which
3 they have registered.

4 Ohio EPA hearings afford citizens the
5 opportunity to provide comments on the
6 official record. Ohio EPA will not be able to
7 answer questions presented during the hearing;
8 however, Ohio EPA staff may ask clarifying
9 questions of the person testifying, to ensure
10 the record is as complete and accurate as
11 possible.

12 I will now read through the names of
13 those who have registered at this hearing and
14 will give each person an opportunity to
15 testify. If you want to testify, go ahead and
16 come on up, state your name and spell it for
17 the record. If you'd rather not testify, just
18 say pass and we'll move on to the next name.

19 Tim Kovach?

20 MR. KOVACH: Pass.

21 MR. SETTLES: Joe MacDonald?

22 MR. MACDONALD: Pass.

23 MR. SETTLES: Thank you, Joe. Paul
24 Morton?

25 MR. MORTON: Pass.

1 MR. SETTLES: Jeff McHugh?

2 MR. MCHUGH: Pass.

3 MR. SETTLES: Representative Ron
4 Young?

5 MR. YOUNG: I'll pass.

6 MR. SETTLES: Doug McWilliams? Oh,
7 I'm sorry.

8 MR. YOUNG: Could you explain
9 once again? If we testify, it's entered into
10 the record, the record's reviewed, and then
11 what happens to the information? It's some
12 sort of official response to questions?

13 MR. SETTLES: Yes. Any questions
14 or groups of comments that are submitted
15 during the public comment period, which has
16 been open for a while and ends today, but
17 that's what this hearing's for, we go back and
18 review those and there will be a response to
19 comments that'll be developed. So our Air
20 staff will see what was asked, research them
21 or if they know the answer, they'll go ahead
22 and develop a written response to comments.
23 That will become part of the record that goes
24 on. I assume action after today would be
25 submitting all this to U.S. EPA.

1 MS. FETTY: Uh-huh.

2 MR. SETTLES: So this will all go
3 on to the Feds for their review and, I assume,
4 approval.

5 MS. FETTY: Uh-huh.

6 MR. YOUNG: I'll still pass.

7 MR. SETTLES: Doug McWilliams.

8 MR. McWILLIAMS: Yes.

9 MR. SETTLES: Doug, if you can kind
10 of come close to the court reporter, again,
11 state your name and spell it for us and who
12 you represent, that'll be great.

13 MR. McWILLIAMS: My name is Douglas
14 McWilliams. I'm with Squire, Patton & Boggs.
15 I represent, today, the City of Painesville.
16 Thank you for the opportunity to provide
17 testimony today with regards to this State
18 Implementation Plan pertaining to the 1-hour
19 SO2 standard.

20 The City of Painesville has
21 participated in the process and believes that
22 this State Implementation Plan provides an
23 appropriate balance between the State's
24 interest in achieving the SO2 health-based
25 national ambient air quality standard and the

1 City's interests in providing safe, effective
2 and reliable electricity service to its
3 customers. Therefore, the City supports this
4 ruling and is interested in providing whatever
5 support is necessary to the State and Ohio EPA
6 in supporting this rule-making through the
7 process for both public comment and U.S. EPA
8 review.

9 That's the extent of my comments today.

10 MR. SETTLES: Thank you.

11 Ma'am, you just came in. Do you want
12 to provide any comments on the record?

13 MS. JORDAN: No.

14 MR. SETTLES: Do you want to sign
15 in?

16 MS. JORDAN: Sure.

17 MR. SETTLES: Well, I've gone
18 through the list of all the names and those
19 who wanted to testify. It is only 3:25, so
20 we'll go off the record for five minutes or so
21 and see if anybody else shows up, go back on
22 the record, and if somebody wants to testify,
23 they're welcome to do so at that time.

24 So at the moment, it's 3:25 and we'll
25 go off the record.

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(Recess taken.)

MR. SETTLES: The time is now 3:30
and we're back on the record.

I want to check, again, to see if
anyone else is interesting in testifying for
this hearing. Seeing no requests, I'll remind
you that written comments can be submitted
through 5:00 p.m. today by emailing them to
jennifer.vanvlerah@epa.ohio.gov. Please see
me if you need to verify Jennifer's email
address.

I want to thank you for attending
today's hearing. The time is now 3:31 and
this hearing is adjourned.

(Hearing adjourned at 3:31 p.m.)

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2 County of Cuyahoga.)

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This certifies that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings had before the State of Ohio, Environmental Protection Agency, the Morley Library, 184 Phelps Street, Painesville, Ohio, on Thursday, July 9, 2015, commencing at 3:20 p.m.

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