



**Division of Air Pollution Control**

**Response to Comments**

**Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan**

**For the 1997 8-Hour Ozone Standard for the Columbus Area**

**Agency Contact for this Package**

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Ohio EPA held a public hearing in Columbus, OH on December 4, 2012, regarding the revised Maintenance Plan for the former Columbus Ozone Nonattainment Area. This document summarizes the comments and questions received at the public hearing and during the associated comment period, which ended on December 4, 2012. Ohio EPA reviewed and considered all comments received during the public comment period.

By law, Ohio EPA has authority to consider specific issues related to protection of the environment and public health.

The name of the commenter follows the comment in parentheses.

**Comment 1:** The attached testimony was provided at the public hearing in support of Ohio's revised maintenance plan. Furthermore, the speaker encouraged Ohio to pursue other efforts to further clean the air. (**David Celebrezze- Ohio Environmental Council**)

**Response 1:** Thank you for your support of Ohio's revised maintenance plan. We also appreciate and understand the concerns regarding the effects of ozone pollution. With the promulgation of the latest ozone standard, at 75 ppb, Ohio EPA is analyzing air quality around Ohio to determine if additional programs will be necessitated in order to attain this newer, lower, ozone standard by December 31, 2015. Thank you for your suggestions on ways to further improve air quality in Ohio.