

Public Notice
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Demonstration under Section 110(l) of the Clean Air Act for
Removal of Low Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) Fuel Requirements
from Ohio's State Implementation Plan (SIP)

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) is soliciting comments regarding a draft request to U.S. EPA for the removal of Low Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) fuel requirements in the Cincinnati and Dayton areas from Ohio's State Implementation Plan (SIP). Ohio's low RVP requirements were originally implemented to address the ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) through the reductions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) and volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions. The low RVP program fuel requirements are currently effective in Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren counties in the Cincinnati area, and in Clark, Greene, Miami and Montgomery Counties in the Dayton area.

In accordance with section 110(l) of the CAA, the draft request demonstrates that the removal of low RVP fuel requirements from the Cincinnati and Dayton areas will not interfere with the attainment or maintenance of the NAAQS. Low RVP fuel requirements will be substituted with equivalent or greater emissions reductions from facilities in the Cincinnati and Dayton areas which have opted to convert from coal to natural gas. These substitute emissions are quantifiable, permanent, surplus, enforceable and contemporaneous. Specifically, 40.50 tons of NOx from MillerCoors LLC (Facility ID 1409000353) and 30.27 tons of NOx from Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (Facility ID 0829700441) will be permanently retired upon U.S. EPA's approval of the SIP revision.

Ohio EPA added a provision to OAC rule 3745-72-01, effective August 1, 2016, that the low RVP fuel requirements of OAC Chapter 3745-72 shall no longer be effective for the Dayton area or Cincinnati area, or any part thereof, upon the effective date of U.S. EPA's approval of the removal from low RVP fuel requirements the SIP. Therefore, rulemaking to incorporate the cessation of the low RVP program is not necessary.

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 6, 2016 at the following address:

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Pursuant to Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, a public hearing on these recommendations will be conducted on December 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at Middletown City Council Chambers, One Donham Plaza, Middletown, OH 45042-1932 (Butler County).

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 6, 2016, will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on these recommendations. Written statements submitted after December 6, 2016, may be considered as time and circumstances permit, but will not be part of the official record of the hearing.

The draft request for removal of the low RVP fuel requirements from Ohio's SIP is available on Ohio EPA DAPC's web page for electronic downloading at:

<http://epa.ohio.gov/dapc/SIP/misc.aspx>.

Questions regarding accessing the web site should be directed to Paul Braun at 614-644-3734; other questions or comments about this document should be directed to either Holly Kaloz at (614)-644-3632, Holly.Kaloz@epa.ohio.gov or Jennifer Van Vlerah at (614) 644-3696, Jennifer.VanVlerah@epa.ohio.gov or mailed to Holly Kaloz or Jennifer Van Vlerah at the above address.