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Implementation of the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone: Nonattainment Area Classifications and State Implementation Plan Requirements

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice of public hearing and extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing that a public hearing will be held for the proposed rule titled, “Implementation of the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone: Nonattainment Area Classifications and State Implementation Plan Requirements,” which published in the *Federal Register* on November 17, 2016. The hearing will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2017, in Washington, D.C. The EPA is also announcing extension of the comment period for the proposed rule to February 13, 2017, to allow sufficient time after the public hearing for commenters to submit comments.

DATES: *Public Hearing.* The public hearing will be held on January 12, 2017, in Washington, D.C. Please refer to **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional information on the public hearing. *Comments.* Comments must be received on or before February 13, 2017.

ADDRESSES: *Public Hearing.* The January 12, 2017, public hearing will be held at the EPA, William Jefferson Clinton East Building, Room 1117A, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004. Identification is required. If your driver’s license is issued by Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina or

the state of Washington, you must present an additional form of identification to enter (*see* **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional information on this location).

Comments. Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2016-0202, at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from Regulations.gov. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.*, on the Web, Cloud or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <http://www2.epa.gov/dockets/comments.html>.

Docket: All documents in the docket are listed in the <http://www.regulations.gov> index. Although listed in the index, some information is not publicly available, *e.g.*, CBI or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Certain other material, such as copyrighted material, will be publicly available only in hard copy. Publicly available docket materials are available either electronically in <http://www.regulations.gov> or in hard copy at the EPA Docket Center Reading Room, in the William Jefferson Clinton West Building, Room 3334, located at 1301 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004. The Public Reading Room is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The phone number for the Public Reading Room is (202) 566-1744.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you would like to speak at the public hearing, please contact Ms. Pamela Long, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS), Air Quality Planning Division (C504-01), Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-0641, fax number (919) 541-5509, email address long.pam@epa.gov, no later than January 10, 2017. If you have any questions relating to the public hearing, please contact Ms. Long at the above number.

If you have questions concerning the November 17, 2016, proposed rule, please contact Mr. Robert Lingard, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS), U.S. EPA, at (919) 541-5272 or lingard.robert@epa.gov; or Mr. Lynn Dail, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS), U.S. EPA, at (919) 541-2363 or dail.lynn@epa.gov. For information on the Information Collection Request (ICR), contact Mr. Butch Stackhouse, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS), U.S. EPA, at (919) 541-5208 or stackhouse.butch@epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The proposal for which the EPA is holding the public hearing was published in the *Federal Register* on November 17, 2016 (81 FR 81276), and is available at: <http://www.epa.gov/ozone-pollution> and also in Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2016-0202. The public hearing will provide interested parties the opportunity to present data, views, or arguments concerning the proposal. The EPA may ask clarifying questions during the oral presentations, but will not respond to the presentations at that time. Written statements and supporting information that are submitted during the comment period will be considered with the same weight as any oral comments and supporting information presented at the public hearing. Written comments must be postmarked by the last day of the comment period.

The public hearing will convene at 9:00 a.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time (ET). The EPA will make every effort to accommodate all individuals interested in providing oral testimony. A lunch break is scheduled from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m. Please note that this hearing will be held at a U.S. government facility. Individuals planning to attend the hearing should be prepared to show valid picture identification to the security staff in order to gain access to the meeting room. The REAL ID Act, passed by Congress in 2005, established new requirements for entering federal facilities. These requirements took effect July 21, 2014. If your driver's license is issued by Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina or the state of Washington, you must present an additional form of identification to enter the federal building where the public hearing will be held. Acceptable alternative forms of identification include: federal employee badges, passports, enhanced driver's licenses and military identification cards. For additional information for the status of your state regarding REAL ID, go to <http://www.dhs.gov/real-id-enforcement-brief>. In addition, you will need to obtain a property pass for any personal belongings you bring with you. Upon leaving the building, you will be required to return this property pass to the security desk. No large signs will be allowed in the building, cameras may only be used outside of the building, and demonstrations will not be allowed on federal property for security reasons.

If you would like to present oral testimony at the hearing, please notify Ms. Pamela Long, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS), Air Quality Planning Division (C504-01), Research Triangle Park, NC 27711, telephone (919) 541-0641, fax number (919) 541-5509, email address long.pam@epa.gov, no later than 4:00 p.m. ET on January 10, 2017. Ms. Long will arrange a general time slot for you to speak. The EPA will make every effort to follow the schedule as closely as possible on the day of the hearing.

Oral testimony will be limited to 5 minutes for each commenter. The EPA encourages commenters to provide the EPA with a copy of their oral testimony electronically (via email) or in hard copy form. The EPA will not provide audiovisual equipment for presentations unless we receive special requests in advance. Commenters should notify Ms. Long if they will need specific equipment. Commenters should also notify Ms. Long if they need specific translation services for non-English speaking commenters.

The hearing schedule, including the list of speakers, will be posted on the EPA's Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/ozone-pollution> prior to the hearing. Verbatim transcripts of the hearing and written statements will be included in the docket for the rulemaking.

How Can I Get Copies of This Document and Other Related Information?

The EPA has established a docket for the proposed rule "Implementation of the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone: Nonattainment Area Classifications and State Implementation Plan Requirements" under Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2016-0202 (available at <http://www.regulations.gov>). The EPA has made available information related to the proposed rule at: <http://www.epa.gov/ozone-pollution>.

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Stephen Page, Director,
Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards.
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