

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Public Notice – Air Quality Plan

Notice of action: The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is seeking comments and announcing a public comment period on a proposed 2017 base year inventory for precursors to the pollutant ozone, which are carbon monoxide (CO), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), and volatile organic compounds (VOC), in the Northern Virginia Ozone Nonattainment Area. The Commonwealth intends to submit the inventory as a revision to the Virginia State Implementation Plan (SIP) in accordance with the federal Clean Air Act. The SIP is the plan developed by Virginia in order to fulfill its responsibilities under the Act to attain and maintain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Purpose of notice: DEQ is seeking comments on the overall 2017 inventory for the Northern Virginia portion of the Metropolitan Washington, DC-MD-VA Ozone Nonattainment Area, which is classified as marginal for the 2015 NAAQS, and consists of the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park.

Public comment period: September 14 - October 14, 2020. This comment period is in addition to the previously conducted public comment periods of April 27-May 27, and June 22-July 22, 2020.

Public hearing: A public hearing will be conducted if a request is made in writing to the contact listed below. In order to be considered, the request must include the full name, address and telephone number of the person requesting the hearing and be received by DEQ by the last day of the comment period. Notice of the date, time, and location of any requested public hearing will be announced in a separate notice, and another 30-day comment period will be conducted.

Description of proposal: The proposal consists of a comprehensive inventory of actual emissions from all sources of relevant pollutants for the base year 2017. This inventory, once finalized, will be the basis for any future planning exercises that have as a goal compliance with the 2015 ozone NAAQS. The proposal was prepared by the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC), which consists of elected officials from the affected localities and representatives of state transportation and air quality planning agencies.

The complete proposal is available at:

<https://www.mwcog.org/documents/2020/08/12/washington-dc-md-va-2015-ozone-naaqs-nonattainment-area-base-year-2017-emissions-inventory-updated-august-12-2020-air-quality-air-quality-conformity-ozone/>.

Federal information: This notice is being given to satisfy the public participation requirements of federal regulations (40 CFR 51.102). The proposed inventory and supporting technical documents will be submitted as a revision to the Commonwealth of

Virginia SIP under § 110(a) of the federal Clean Air Act in accordance with 40 CFR 51.104.

How to comment: DEQ accepts written comments by email, fax, and postal mail. In order to be considered, comments must include the full name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ no later than the last day of the comment period. A cover page with the recipient's full mailing address as listed below must be part of each fax. DEQ prefers that comments be provided in writing, along with any the supporting documents or exhibits. Comments must be submitted to Doris A. McLeod, Air Quality Planner, Department of Environmental Quality, 22nd Floor, 1111 East Main St, P.O. Box 1105, Richmond, Virginia 23219 (phone 804-698-4197, fax 804-698-4178, email doris.mcleod@deq.virginia.gov). All materials received are part of the public record.

To review the proposal: The proposal and any supporting documents are available on the DEQ Air Public Notices for Plans and Programs web site: <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/Air/PublicNotices/airplansandprograms.aspx>. The documents may also be obtained by contacting the DEQ representative named above. The public may schedule an appointment to review the documents between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm of each business day until the close of the public comment period at the following DEQ locations: 1) DEQ Main Street Office, 22nd Floor, 1111 E. Main St, Richmond VA, 804-698-4249 and 2) Northern Regional Office, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge VA, 703-583-3800.

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