Public Hearing Notice Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Proposed new OAC Chapter 3745-110 "Nitrogen Oxides - Reasonably Available Control Technology".

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC) proposes the following new rules in the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC):

- 1. OAC rule 3745-110-01 [Definitions];
- 2. OAC rule 3745-110-02 [Applicability];
- 3. OAC rule 3745-110-03 [RACT requirements and/or limitations for emissions of NOx from stationary sources];
- 4. OAC rule 3745-110-04 [Compliance deadlines]; and
- 5. OAC rule 3745-110-05 [Compliance methods].

The proposed new rules under OAC Chapter 3745-110 will apply to the eight "moderate" non-attainment counties located in the Cleveland/Akron, Ohio metropolitan area (i.e., Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage, and Summit Counties) and will regulate NOx emissions from "existing" stationary combustion sources (industrial, commercial, and institutional boilers, stationary combustion turbines and stationary internal combustion engines). In addition, the rules will apply state-wide to any "new or modified source" issued a permit-to-install after January 1, 2007.

Pursuant to Section 121.39 of the Ohio Revised Code, DAPC was required to consult with interested parties affected by the rules before the division formally proposes them. On July 24, 2006, these rules went out for a 30 day review by interested parties.

Pursuant to Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, a public hearing on these rule changes will be conducted on Friday, June 8, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in conference room 6A at Ohio EPA, Lazarus Government Center, 50 West Town Street, Columbus, Ohio.

Pursuant to Part D of Title I of the Clean Air Act, Ohio EPA is required to establish a state implementation plan (SIP) for the attainment and maintenance of the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). The above mentioned rules are a part of Ohio's SIP and the proposed amendments will be submitted to USEPA as a modification of the SIP. The above mentioned hearing shall be considered the public hearing for the SIP submittal.

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All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented at the hearing and give written or oral comments on these rule changes. All oral comments presented at the hearing, and all written statements submitted at the hearing or by the close of business on June 8, 2007, will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this rule. Written statements submitted after June 8, 2007, may be considered as time and circumstances permit, but will not be part of the official record of the hearing.

These rules are available on the Web page for electronic downloading by clicking on "regulations" under the "topics" drop-down box. The URL is: http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/regs/regs.html. Questions regarding accessing the web site should be directed to Arunee Niamlarb at 614-728-1342; other questions or comments about these rules should be directed to Alan Harness at Ohio EPA, (614) 644-4838, alan.harness@epa.state.oh.us, or mailed to insert your name, Ohio EPA, Division Air Pollution Control, Lazarus Government Center, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049.