

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO AIR QUALITY STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Sections 48-1-10 et seq.

The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (Department) is publishing this Notice of General Public Interest to provide opportunity to comment on the Department's proposal to address required State Implementation Plan (SIP) elements under Section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) pertaining to interstate transport of criteria pollutants. This specifically includes SIP elements covering any emissions activity in one state that contributes significantly to nonattainment (called prong 1), or interferes with maintenance (called prong 2), of the 2008 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) in another state. Together, the prong 1 and prong 2 elements are referred to as "Good Neighbor" requirements, and the state's submittal is termed a "Good Neighbor SIP." To be considered, the Department must receive comments by 5:00 p.m. on May 29, 2018, the close of the comment period.

The Department is also providing the interested public with the opportunity to request a public hearing on the SIP amendment. If requested, the Department will hold a public hearing on June 5, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., in Room 2151 of the Sims Building, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina. However, pursuant to 40 CFR 51.102, if the Department does not receive a request for a public hearing by the close of the comment period, 5:00 p.m. on May 29, 2018, the Department will cancel the public hearing. If the Department cancels the public hearing, then the Department will notify the public at least one week prior to the scheduled hearing via the Department's Public Notices webpage: <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/>. Interested persons may also contact Roger Jerry, Regulation and SIP Management Section, Bureau of Air Quality, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201; via phone at (803) 898-1799; or email at jerryre@dhec.sc.gov for more information, to view a copy of the state's proposed SIP submission, or to find out if the Department will hold a public hearing. A copy of the state's proposed SIP submission is also located on the Department's Public Notices webpage: <http://www.scdhec.gov/PublicNotices/>.

Synopsis:

On March 27, 2008, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a revised NAAQS for ozone (73 FR 16436). With this rule, the EPA set a new 8-hour primary and secondary ozone standard at the level of 75 parts per billion (ppb). Sections 110(a)(1) and (2) of the CAA require all states to submit plans to provide for the implementation, maintenance, and enforcement of the NAAQS.

Currently, South Carolina meets attainment of the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS.

The Department is proposing to certify that it has addressed the aforementioned infrastructure SIP requirements for interstate transport pertaining to the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS for South Carolina, and that South Carolina's SIP contains adequate provisions to prevent sources or emissions activities within South Carolina from contributing significantly to nonattainment in, or interfering with maintenance by, any other state with respect to the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS, as demonstrated by EPA's air modeling.