

Public Notice
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for the
Ohio Portion of the Campbell-Clermont KY-OH SO₂ Nonattainment Area

Pierce Township in Clermont County

Notice is hereby given that the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, (Ohio EPA) is requesting that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) revise the current air quality designation for the Ohio portion, Pierce Township in Clermont County, of the Campbell-Clermont KY-OH nonattainment area to attainment with respect to the 2010 1-hour SO₂ national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS). Air quality monitoring data collected between 2012 and 2014 in the nonattainment area demonstrates attainment of the NAAQS and there is evidence that the improved air quality is due to permanent, enforceable emission reductions. In addition, existing requirements are sufficient to maintain the 2010 1-hour SO₂ standard in this area at least ten years into the future.

The permanent shutdown of the Walter C. Beckjord power plant in this area has resulted in significant SO₂ emission reductions. Ohio EPA proposes to utilize existing emission inventory information and projections of future emissions as the demonstration of the ability to maintain the NAAQS in the Campbell-Clermont KY-OH area in the future.

The State of Ohio proposes to:

1. Request the U.S. EPA redesignate the Ohio portion, Pierce Township in Clermont County, of the Campbell-Clermont KY-OH area to attainment with respect to the 2010 1-hour SO₂ NAAQS and incorporate the maintenance plan. This request will document that existing enforceable control measures are responsible for the observed improvement in air quality; and
2. Designate existing controls (permanent shutdown) as sufficient to maintain the NAAQS into the future.

These actions must be noticed to allow public comment and to satisfy USEPA requirements for public involvement in SIP related activities. This notice addresses Ohio EPA's reliance on the emission projections as evidence of attainment and maintenance. Written comments will be received on or before April 16, 2015 at the following address:

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Pursuant to Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, a public hearing on this redesignation request will be conducted as follows April 16, 2015 at 3:00 PM, at the Pierce Twp. Administration Building, 950 Locust Corner Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45245.

All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented at the hearings and give written or oral comments on these changes. 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 April 16, 2015 will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this redesignation. Written statements submitted after April 16, 2015 may be considered as time and circumstances permit, but will not be part of the official record of the hearing.

This redesignation and maintenance request is available on Ohio EPA DAPC's Web page for electronic downloading at: <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/SIP/so2.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 Erica Fetty, (614)-644-2310, Erica.Fetty@epa.ohio.gov or Jennifer Van Vlerah at (614) 644-3696, Jennifer.vanvlerah@epa.ohio.gov or mailed to Erica Fetty or Jennifer Van Vlerah at the above address.