

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PUBLIC NOTICE

- 1) The Department of Environmental Quality (Department) is inviting public comment on the submittal of a proposed infrastructure State Implementation Plan (iSIP) for the 2015 revised Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). The proposal will be submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) certifying that the existing State Implementation Plan (SIP) is adequate to protect the 2015 Ozone NAAQS.

On October 1, 2015, EPA strengthened the NAAQS ozone (O₃) from a level of 75 parts per billion (ppb) to 70 ppb [80 FR 65292]. On November 16, 2017, EPA designated all of Montana's counties as attainment/unclassifiable for the 2015 O₃ NAAQS [82 FR 54232]. Within three years following promulgation of a new or revised NAAQS, section 110(a)(1) of the Clean Air Act requires that states submit a SIP meeting the requirements outlined in section 110(a)(2). The proposed iSIP outlines the elements of section 110(a)(2)(A) through (M) and describes how Montana's SIP meets these requirements with respect to the 2015 O₃ NAAQS including section 110(a)(2)(D) addressing EPA's Good neighbor or interstate transport provisions.

- 2) The Department will accept public comment for 30 days beginning on Monday July 23, 2018 through Wednesday, August 22, 2018.
- 3) Interested persons may view the proposed submission on the Department's website at: <http://deq.mt.gov/Public/publiccomment> or may call the Department at 444-1472 to have copies made available for their inspection.
- 4) Interested parties may submit their comments concerning the proposal described above in writing to the Department by
 - addressing them to Stephen Coe;
 - faxing them to 406-444-1499; or
 - sending them via email addressed to scoe@mt.gov.

To be guaranteed consideration, written comments must be postmarked on or before 5 p.m. Wednesday, August 22, 2018.