

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
NOTICE FOR PUBLIC HEARING**

- 1) The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is inviting public comment on the submission of initial Ozone designations for the 2015 Revised Ozone Standard to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).
- 2) The document proposed to be submitted is the *Montana Initial Designations – 2015 Revised 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards*. A formal request will be submitted to the EPA by the state of Montana supporting that based on available information obtained from Montana’s state-wide ozone ambient air quality monitoring network we have determined that an initial designation of “attainment” is appropriate for 8 Montana counties containing ozone monitors suitable for NAAQS compliance comparisons. Monitoring data collected at these sites supports a conclusion that ambient concentrations of ozone in those counties is in compliance, and therefore attains, the 2015 revised 8-hour ozone NAAQS. Those counties to be designated “attainment” include: Fergus, Missoula, Lewis and Clark, Flathead, Powder River, Phillips, Rosebud and Richland. The remaining 48 counties in Montana should be designated as “attainment” or “unclassifiable” due to a lack of adequate monitoring data to determine NAAQS compliance.
- 3) DEQ will be accepting public comment regarding the proposal to submit the above-described document to EPA for 30 days. **The public comment period begins on August 1, 2016, and ends on August 30, 2016, at 5:00 p.m.**
- 4) Any person may request public hearing on this matter. If DEQ receives a request for public hearing, a public hearing on this matter will be scheduled and the time for that hearing will be announced.
- 5) Interested persons may view the document on DEQ’s website at: <http://deq.mt.gov/Public/publiccomment> or may call DEQ at 406-444-1472 to have copies made available for their inspection.
- 6) The state of Montana makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person’s ability to participate in state government proceedings. Persons requiring accommodation need to contact Lisa Peterson concerning the nature of the accommodation. Please contact Lisa at P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901; phone 406-444-2929; fax at 406-444-1499; or email lpeterson@mt.gov.
- 7) Interested parties may submit their comments concerning the proposal described above in writing to the Department by
 - addressing them to Stephen Coe, Air Resources Management Bureau, 1520 E Sixth Avenue, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana, 59620-0901;
 - 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. August 30, 2016.