LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Draft Request for Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for Attainment of Indiana’s Portion of the Chicago-Naperville, Illinois-Indiana-Wisconsin (IL-IN-WI), 2008 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area

Lake and Porter Counties, Indiana

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Notice is hereby given under 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 51.102 that the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is accepting written comment and providing an opportunity for a public hearing regarding the Draft Request for Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for Attainment of Indiana’s Portion of the Chicago-Naperville, Illinois-Indiana-Wisconsin (IL-IN-WI), 2008 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area – Lake and Porter Counties, Indiana. All interested persons are invited and will be given reasonable opportunity to express their views concerning this submittal.

Lake and Porter counties were designated nonattainment for the 2008 8-hour ozone standard in 2012 using 2009-2011 monitoring data. The area was classified as “marginal” with an attainment date of July 20, 2015. The area failed to attain the standard by the attainment date and was subsequently reclassified as “moderate” with a revised attainment date of July 20, 2018. The area failed to attain the standard by the revised attainment date and was reclassified as “serious” with a new attainment date of July 20, 2021.

Ozone monitoring data for the most recent three (3) years, 2017-2019, demonstrates that the air quality meets the 2008 8-hour ozone standard in the nonattainment area. This fact, accompanied by the permanent and enforceable decreases in emission levels discussed in Section 2.3 of the Redesignation and Maintenance Plan, justifies a redesignation to attainment for Indiana’s nonattainment area based on Section 107(d)(3)(D) of the CAA.

Copies of the Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan will be available on or before January 22, 2020 to any person upon request at the following locations:

- Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Quality, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N1003, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

Crown Point Community Library, 122 North Main Street, Crown Point, Indiana.

Gary Public Library, 220 West 5th Avenue, Gary, Indiana.

Hammond Public Library, 564 State Street, Hammond, Indiana.

Lake County Public Library-Highland Branch, 2841 Jewett Street, Highland, Indiana.

Lake Station-New Chicago Branch Public Library, 2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station, Indiana.

Valparaiso Public Library, 103 Jefferson Street, Valparaiso, Indiana.

Whiting Public Library, 1735 Oliver Street, Whiting, Indiana.

The draft documents will also be available on the following web pages:

https://www.in.gov/idem/airquality/2440.htm
https://www.in.gov/idem/airquality/2392.htm

Any person may submit written comments on the Draft Request for Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for Attainment of the Indiana’s Portion (Lake and Porter Counties) of the Chicago-Naperville, Illinois-Indiana-Wisconsin (IL-IN-WI), 2008 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area- Lake and Porter Counties, Indiana. Written comments should be directed to: Mrs. Michele Boner, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Quality, Room 1003, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Comments can also be submitted via fax (317) 233-5967 or e-mail at mboner@idem.in.gov. Comments must be submitted by February 21, 2020. Interested parties may also present oral or written comments at the public hearing, if held. Oral statements will be heard, but for the accuracy of the record, statements should be submitted in writing. Written statements may be submitted to the attendant designated to receive written comments at the public hearing.

A public hearing on the Draft Request for Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for Attainment of Indiana’s Portion (Lake and Porter Counties) of the Chicago-Naperville, Illinois-Indiana-Wisconsin (IL-IN-WI), 2008 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area- Lake and Porter Counties, Indiana Nonattainment Area will be held if a request is received by February 21, 2020. If a hearing is requested, the hearing will be held on February 25, 2020, and the comment period will be extended to March 4, 2020. The hearing will convene at 6:00 p.m. local time at the Lake Station-New Chicago Branch Public Library located at 2007 Central Avenue, Lake Station, IN 46405. If a request for a public hearing is not received by February 21, 2020, the hearing will be cancelled. Interested parties can check the online IDEM calendar at https://calendar.in.gov/site/idem/ or contact Mrs. Michele Boner at (317) 233-6844 or mboner@idem.in.gov, after February 24, 2020, to see if the hearing has been cancelled or will convene.
If a hearing is held, a transcript of the hearing and all written submissions provided at the public hearing shall be open to public inspection at IDEM and copies may be made available to any person upon payment of reproduction costs. Any person heard or represented at the hearing or requesting notice shall be given written notice of actions resulting from the hearing.

For additional information contact Mrs. Michele Boner, at the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Quality, Room N1003, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204, or call (317) 233-6844 or (800) 451-6027 ext. 3-6844 (in Indiana).

Speech and hearing impaired callers may contact the agency via the Indiana Relay Service at 1-800-743-3333. Individuals requiring reasonable accommodations for participation in this hearing should contact the IDEM Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) coordinator at: Attn: ADA Coordinator, Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Mail Code 50-10, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251, or call (317) 233-1785 (voice) or (317) 233-6565 (TDD). Please provide a minimum of 72 hours notification.