Overview
The Clean Air Act requires that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) set National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for pollutants that cause or contribute to air pollution, which may reasonably be anticipated to endanger public health and welfare. U.S. EPA has set NAAQS for six criteria pollutants, which are carbon monoxide (CO), lead (Pb), nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), ozone (O₃), particulate matter (PM₂.₅), and sulfur dioxide (SO₂). Indiana's attainment status tables at 326 IAC 1-4 are periodically updated to reflect each county's attainment status. As most of Indiana's attainment status tables have not been updated recently, this rulemaking updates the specific language in the attainment status tables to ensure consistency with the federal language. This rulemaking does not change the status of any county for any pollutant; it only updates the terminology used in the tables to accurately reflect the language used in the federal rule at 40 CFR 81.315. The status updates in this rule for all counties include the 2006 24-hour and 2012 annual PM₂.₅ standards, the 2010 NO₂ standard, the 2008 Pb standard, and the 2008 8-hour O₃ standard for Lake and Porter counties.

Affected Persons
All stakeholders will benefit from this rulemaking because it will ensure that state rules are consistent with federal requirements. This rulemaking updates each Indiana county’s attainment status so that requirements will be consistent and clear to the regulated community.

Reasons for the Rule
This rulemaking updates the specific language in each attainment status table for every county in Indiana to ensure that state rules are consistent with federal requirements.

Economic Impact of the Rule
This rulemaking will have no economic impact. This rule simply updates the attainment status tables of all Indiana counties so that state rules are consistent with federal requirements.

Scheduled Board Action and Hearings
First Public Hearing: April 11, 2018, at 1:30 p.m., at the Indiana Government Center South, 10 North Senate Avenue, Conference Center A, Indianapolis, IN 46204

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