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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA), Bureau of Air, is accepting public comments on a revision to the motor vehicle emissions budgets contained in the Maintenance Plan for the Illinois portion of the Chicago Ozone Nonattainment Area for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).

The Illinois EPA will accept written comments from the public. The written comments and any requests for a public hearing must actually be received by the Illinois EPA by March 17, 2014. Comments and requests for a hearing should be mailed to:

Dean Studer, Hearing Officer  
Illinois EPA  
1021 North Grand Avenue East  
P.O. Box 19276  
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276  
Telephone: 217/558-8280 or TDD: 217/782-9143

If a timely request for a public hearing is received by March 17, 2014, a public hearing will be held on March 24, 2014, at 1 pm in the Bureau of Air Conference Room (Room 4158N) at the Illinois EPA's Headquarters at 1021 North Grand Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois, to receive comments regarding the revision to the motor vehicle emissions budgets contained in the Maintenance Plan. If a public hearing is conducted, the written public comment period will be extended to April 8, 2014.

The public hearing will be cancelled unless a written request for a public hearing is actually received by the Illinois EPA by U.S. Mail, carrier mail, or hand delivered by March 17, 2014. Verification or cancellation of the public hearing will be posted by March 19, 2014, on the Illinois EPA's website at: <http://www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/>. Interested persons may also contact Dean Studer, the Illinois EPA's Hearing Officer, at the phone number listed above to inquire as to the status of a public hearing.

Copies of the proposed revision to the motor vehicle emissions budgets may be viewed by the public on the Illinois EPA's website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/public-notices/> or during regular business hours (Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., except for State holidays) at the following Illinois EPA offices: 1021 North Grand Avenue East, Springfield, Illinois and 831 Busse Road, Elk Grove Village, Illinois. No walk-in requests for copies of this material will be accommodated unless advance notice is provided. Requests and public inquiries

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should be directed to Dean Studer, the Illinois EPA's Hearing Officer, at the address and phone number listed above.

If a timely hearing request is received, the hearing will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois EPA's "Procedures for Information and Quasi-Legislative Public Hearings," set forth at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 164. Any questions about the hearing procedures, requests for copies of the hearing rules, or requests for special need interpreters should be directed to the Hearing Officer at the address above.

The Illinois EPA is proposing to revise the motor vehicle emissions budgets contained in the Maintenance Plan for the Illinois portion of the Chicago Ozone Nonattainment Area for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone NAAQS by increasing the motor vehicle emissions budgets through the use of a safety margin. The transportation conformity regulations contained in 40 C.F.R. Part 93 allow the use of a safety margin if the projected levels of emissions for the final year of a maintenance plan are less than the emission levels estimated for the maintenance plan's attainment year. The Chicago Ozone Nonattainment Area year 2025 projected emissions for volatile organic compounds (VOC) and oxides of nitrogen (NOx) in the Maintenance Plan were over 175 and 469 tons per day lower, respectively, than the year 2008 attainment year emissions estimates. Due to changes in the planning assumptions used to calculate motor vehicle emissions, the Illinois EPA is proposing to increase the year 2025 Chicago Ozone Nonattainment Area VOC and NOx motor vehicle emissions budgets by 12 and 25 tons per day, respectively.

The Illinois EPA will submit the revised motor vehicle emissions budgets to the United States Environmental Protection Agency for approval as a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision under the Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.* This Notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of Section 110(l) of the CAA (42 U.S.C. § 7410(l)) (public notice for SIP revisions) and 40 C.F.R. Part 51.