

## NOTICE

### **Proposed Revisions to Pennsylvania's State Implementation Plan: Transportation Conformity and Air Quality**

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), in consultation with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT), seeks comments on a revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) to address transportation planning requirements. Section 176 of the federal Clean Air Act requires transportation plans, programs and projects to conform to air quality plans in place for an area and to ensure that transportation activities will not interfere with attainment or maintenance of a National Ambient Air Quality Standard. The proposed SIP revision updates procedures that regional planning organizations, local and state air agencies and PennDOT use to assess the conformity of transportation plans, programs and projects. The SIP revision is consistent with the requirements of federal transportation statutes and federal regulations for transportation conformity. After public comment, the SIP revision will be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval.

The proposed SIP revision is available on DEP's Web site at [www.depweb.state.pa.us](http://www.depweb.state.pa.us) (choose "Air Plans") or through the contact persons listed.

DEP will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the proposal on Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at 1 p.m. at the DEP Southcentral Regional Office, 909 Elmerton Avenue, Susquehanna Room A, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

Persons wishing to present testimony at the hearing on the proposed SIP revisions should contact Yvette House, P.O. Box 8468, Harrisburg, PA 17105, (717) 787-9495, or [yhouse@state.pa.us](mailto:yhouse@state.pa.us) to reserve a time. Persons who do not reserve a time will be able to testify as time allows. Witnesses should keep testimony to ten minutes and should provide two written copies of their statement at the hearing.

Persons with a disability who wish to attend the hearing and require an auxiliary aid, service or other accommodation to participate in the proceeding should contact Yvette House at [yhouse@state.pa.us](mailto:yhouse@state.pa.us) or (717) 787-9495. TDD users may contact the AT&T Relay Service at (800) 654-5984 to discuss how DEP can best accommodate their needs.

DEP must receive comments no later than April 4, 2008. Written comments should be sent to the attention of Arleen Shulman, Division of Air Resource Management, Bureau of Air Quality, P.O. Box 8468, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8468, or [ashulman@state.pa.us](mailto:ashulman@state.pa.us).

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