

Dear Clean Air Act Task Force Members and Local Contacts,

The DNR will be holding three public information meetings related to the Department's draft technical support document ([2008 Daily Ozone Standard Nonattainment Designation Options, Technical Support Document - DRAFT 1/7/2009 \[PDF, 1.02MB\]](#)) which presents options for identifying areas as nonattainment (in violation of the standard) for the revised federal ozone standard. The public information meetings will include a presentation on the options in the draft technical support document and an opportunity to ask questions before the formal hearing on the document is held on February 9, 2009. Written comments for the public hearing may also be provided during these sessions. All public comments received on the technical support document will be addressed and a final version will be sent to the Governor to support his nonattainment designation determinations for the 2008 ozone standard. The Governor is required to make nonattainment designation recommendations for the 2008 ozone standard to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) no later than March 12, 2009.

Background

The revised federal ozone standard became effective on May 27, 2008. The 8-hour ozone standard was revised by the EPA from 0.08 parts per million (ppm) to 0.075 ppm to be more protective of human health. Any area that does not meet the primary or secondary standard for ozone, or that contributes to ambient air quality in a nearby area that does not meet one of those standards, can be designated as a nonattainment area. The nonattainment options in the draft document are based on guidance provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) who makes the final designations.

The counties of Door, Kenosha, and Sheboygan exceeded the 2008 ozone standard based on ozone monitoring data from 2006 through 2008. The ozone design values for these three counties are 0.080 ppm, 0.078 ppm, and 0.082 ppm, respectively. The draft technical support document analyzes each of the nine factors specified by the U.S. EPA for these three counties and other nearby counties that may contribute to the measured exceedances of the 2008 ozone standard. The three nonattainment designation options are as follows,

Option 1: Brown, Door, Kenosha, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Sheboygan, Washington, and Waukesha Counties;

Option 2: Door, Kenosha, and Sheboygan Counties; and

Option 3: No nonattainment counties

Meetings and Public Hearing

The three public information meetings and the public hearing are scheduled as follows:

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Friday, January 30, 2009
10:00 a.m. - Noon
Hearing Room
Kenosha County Center
19600 - 75th Street
Bristol, WI

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Tuesday, February 3, 2009
10:00 a.m. - Noon
Sheboygan Town Hall
3932 Superior Avenue
Sheboygan, WI

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Wednesday, February 4, 2009

10:00 a.m. - Noon

Jane Green Room

Door County Library

107 South 4th Avenue

Sturgeon Bay, WI

PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, February 9, 2009

1:00 p.m.

WI DNR Southeast Region Headquarters, Room 141

2300 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive

Milwaukee, WI

For additional information on the draft technical document, please contact Joe Hoch (by phone at (608) 264-8861 or by email at joseph.hoch@wisconsin.gov). If you have questions about the public information meetings, please contact Anne Bogar (by phone at (608) 266-3725 or by email at anne.bogar@wisconsin.gov).