

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVISE THE SIP**

**REDESIGNATION DEMONSTRATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR THE YORK  
COUNTY PORTION OF THE CHARLOTTE-GASTONIA-ROCK HILL NC-SC  
NONATTAINMENT AREA**

CHAPTER 61

Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 48-1-10, *et seq.*

**South Carolina Air Quality Implementation Plan:**

The Department of Health and Environmental Control (Department) proposes to submit a redesignation demonstration and maintenance plan for the South Carolina Air Quality Implementation Plan, also known as the State Implementation Plan, or SIP. Interested persons are invited to present their views in writing to Andrew O. Hollis; Division of Air Assessment, Innovations and Regulation, Bureau of Air Quality; 2600 Bull Street; Columbia, SC 29201. Comments may also be submitted via email to [hollisao@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:hollisao@dhec.sc.gov). To be considered, comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 25, 2011, the close of the drafting comment period. The Department is also providing the public with the opportunity to request a public hearing on the issue. As such, a public hearing has been planned for May 2, 2011, at 10 a.m. in the Wallace Room (3141), 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The public is invited to attend. However, pursuant to 40 CFR 51.102, if no request for a public hearing is received by the close of the comment period (April 25, 2011), the hearing will be cancelled. If a public hearing has been cancelled, the Department will notify the public at least one week prior to the scheduled hearing via the "Scheduled Public Hearings" link on the Regulation Development webpage at <http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/baq/regulatory.aspx>. Interested parties are also encouraged to contact Andrew Hollis at (803)-898-4196 or [hollisao@dhec.sc.gov](mailto:hollisao@dhec.sc.gov) for more information or to determine whether a public hearing has been cancelled.

**Synopsis:**

In a *Federal Register* (FR) notice published on July 18, 1997 (62 FR 38856), the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated amendments to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone. On April 30, 2004 (69 FR 23858), the EPA designated and classified a portion of York County, South Carolina within the Rock Hill Fort Mill Area Transportation Study (RFATS) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) as a moderate nonattainment area for the 8-hour ozone NAAQS as part of the Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill NC-SC Nonattainment Area.

Air quality monitoring data from 2008 to 2010 indicate that all monitors within the Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill NC-SC Nonattainment Area currently meet the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS of 0.08 ppm. As such, the proposed SIP revision would request that the EPA redesignate the York County portion of the Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill NC-SC Nonattainment Area to attainment for the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS and would provide a maintenance plan which fulfills the requirements of Section 175A of the Clean Air Act as amended, that will ensure the area remains in attainment of the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS through 2022. Documents relating to this redesignation request and maintenance plan will be available via the Department's website at: [http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/baq/Metrolina-SC\\_Redesignation/](http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/baq/Metrolina-SC_Redesignation/)