

The Department is certifying to the EPA that it has addressed the SIP elements pertaining to the SO₂ attainment areas in South Carolina. This SO₂ infrastructure SIP certification specifies how the Department complies with each SIP element for the 2010 SO₂ NAAQS. This Final Amendment to the SIP will take effect upon publication of this Notice in the *South Carolina State Register*.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

NOTICE OF GENERAL PUBLIC INTEREST

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVISE THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN (SIP)

**MARGINAL NONATTAINMENT AREA SIP FOR THE YORK COUNTY PORTION OF THE
CHARLOTTE-ROCK HILL NC-SC 8-Hour OZONE NONATTAINMENT AREA**

Statutory Authority: The Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 7401 et seq.; 42 U.S.C. Sections 7407 & 7410; 40 C.F.R. Parts 51.102 and 81.241; S.C. Code Ann. Section 48-1-10 et seq. (2008 & Supp. 2013)

South Carolina Air Quality Implementation Plan:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control proposes to submit a final nonattainment area State Implementation Plan (“SIP”) certification for the York County portion of the Charlotte-Rock Hill NC-SC 8-hour ozone nonattainment area to the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), 40 C.F.R. 81.341.

Opportunity for Public Comment:

Interested persons are invited to present their views in writing to Roger Jerry, Division of Air Assessment and Regulation, Bureau of Air Quality, 2600 Bull Street; Columbia, SC 29201. Comments may also be submitted via email to jerryre@dhec.sc.gov. To be considered, comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 23, 2014, the close of the drafting comment period. A public hearing has been planned for June 30, 2014, at 10 a.m. in the Wallace Room (3141), 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, South Carolina. The public is invited to attend. Pursuant to 40 CFR 51.102, if no adverse comment and no request for a public hearing are received by the close of the comment period (June 23, 2014), the hearing will be cancelled. If the public hearing has been cancelled, the Department will notify the public one week prior to the scheduled hearing via the “Scheduled Public Hearings” webpage: http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/baq/Regulation-SIPManagement/SIP/public_hearings.asp. Interested parties are encouraged to contact Roger Jerry at (803) 898-1799 or jerryre@dhec.sc.gov for more information or to determine if the public hearing has been cancelled.

Background:

On April 30, 2012 (77 FR 30088), the EPA issued final area designations for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (“NAAQS”), 40 C.F.R. 81.341. At that time, all of South Carolina was classified as unclassifiable/attainment with the exception of a portion of York County. Although the monitor in York County was meeting and continues to meet the standard, EPA included the eastern, urbanized area of York County in the Charlotte-Rock Hill, NC-SC nonattainment area (“York NAA”) because of its proximity to Charlotte. This is the same portion of York County that was designated in 2004 as nonattainment for the 1997 ozone standard, with the exception of the Catawba Indian Nation Reservation. The York NAA was designated marginal for the 2008 ozone NAAQS (77 FR 30144) and South Carolina has already implemented Clean Air Act, Section 182(a), NAA requirements in the area due to the 1997 moderate designation.

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Purpose:

This proposed SIP revision provides EPA with nonattainment area SIP certifications which fulfill the requirements of Section 182(a) of the Clean Air Act as amended. Air quality monitoring data shows that the York NAA currently meets the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS of 0.075 ppm. Documents relating to this York NAA SIP certification will be available via the Department's website at: <http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/baq/Ozone/StandardsandRequirements/NAAQS.asp>