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**Appendix B**  
**Public Notice and**  
**U.S. EPA No-Comment Letter**

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**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY  
PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PURPOSE:** The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality (DAQ), hereby gives notice regarding its pre-hearing draft of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision for the *Supplement to the Revised Maintenance Plan for the Charlotte-Gastonia-Salisbury, North Carolina 2008 8-Hour Ozone Marginal Nonattainment Area*. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency designated the area attainment of the 2008 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) effective August 27, 2015 (80 FR 44873). Transportation conformity in the maintenance area ensures that federal transportation actions do not interfere with maintaining compliance with the 2008 ozone NAAQS. As such, the level of emissions estimated for Transportation Improvement Programs and Metropolitan Transportation Plans must not exceed the motor vehicle emission budgets (MVEBs) as defined in the maintenance plan. Historically, the DAQ has allocated no more than 50% of the total safety margin to the MVEBs for nitrogen oxides (NOx) and volatile organic compounds (VOC) to ensure on-going attainment of the NAAQS. In this submittal, North Carolina is proposing to increase the amount of the total safety margin allocated to the 2026 MVEBs from 4.7% to 9.4% for NOx and from 18.7% to 37.4% for VOC. The proposed revisions to the 2026 MVEBs will account for unanticipated changes in the travel demand model used to calculate vehicle miles traveled for the Charlotte area; however, the overall maintenance plan emissions will remain unchanged. In addition, the Charlotte-Gastonia-Salisbury area is currently attaining the 2008 and 2015 8-hour ozone NAAQS based on certified ambient monitoring data through 2019. Therefore, the DAQ concludes that the proposed revisions to the MVEBs will not interfere with any applicable requirement concerning the attainment and maintenance of the NAAQS. Persons wishing to submit comments or request a public hearing are invited to do so.

**COMMENT PROCEDURES:** Any person wishing to comment may submit a written statement for inclusion in the record of proceedings regarding the pre-hearing draft of the *Supplement to the Revised Maintenance Plan for the Charlotte-Gastonia-Salisbury, North Carolina 2008 8-Hour Ozone Marginal Nonattainment Area*. Written comments should be submitted electronically or postmarked no later than Thursday, July 2, 2020.

**REQUESTS FOR A PUBLIC HEARING:** Requests for a public hearing must be in writing and include a statement supporting the need for such a hearing, an indication of your interest in the subject, and a brief summary of the information intended to be offered. In order to address current guidance to help minimize the spread of COVID-19, a digital public hearing via Cisco's WebEx teleconferencing service will be scheduled if a public hearing is requested. A separate notice will be announced for the hearing including the date, time, and methods to access the WebEx meeting. Written requests for a public hearing should be postmarked or submitted electronically no later than Thursday, July 2, 2020.

**INFORMATION:** Copies of the pre-hearing draft of the *Supplement to the Revised Maintenance Plan for the Charlotte-Gastonia-Salisbury, North Carolina 2008 8-Hour Ozone Marginal Nonattainment Area* may be downloaded from the DAQ website at <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/air-quality/air-quality-planning/state-implementation-plans/charlotte-gastonia-salisbury-nc-2008-8-hour-ozone-area>. Comments or requests for a public hearing can be submitted to: [daq.publiccomments@ncdenr.gov](mailto:daq.publiccomments@ncdenr.gov) (Please type "MVEB Revision" in the subject line)

Alternatively, comments or requests for a public hearing can be mailed or faxed to:  
Randy Strait Fax: (919) 715-0718  
NC Division of Air Quality  
1641 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1641

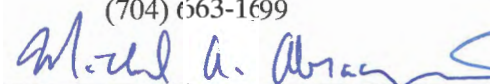
Based on the current guidance to minimize the spread of COVID-19, all DAQ office locations are limiting public access to appointments only. As such, the Pre-Hearing Draft of the demonstration may only be reviewed in person after making an appointment at the following DAQ offices:

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5/29/20

  
Michael A. Abraczinskas, DAQ Director



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July 2, 2020

Mr. Michael Abraszinskas, Director  
Division of Air Quality  
North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality  
1641 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1641

Dear Mr. Abraszinskas:

Thank you for your letter dated June 2, 2020, transmitting a prehearing package regarding the Revised Maintenance Plan for the Charlotte-Gastonia-Salisbury, North Carolina 2008 8-hour Ozone Area. If requested, these revisions are the subject of a public hearing via Cisco's WebEx teleconference, with written comments due by the close of business on July 2, 2020. We have completed our review of the submittal and offer no comments at this time.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Jane Spann, Acting Chief, Air Regulatory Management Section at (404) 562-9029, or your staff contact Mr. Evan Adams at (404) 562-9009.

Sincerely,

Lynorae Benjamin  
Acting Chief  
Air Planning and Implementation Branch

cc: Randy Strait, DAQ  
Patrick Knowlson, DAQ  
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