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Public Notice Report

For The North Carolina Limited Maintenance Plan for the Charlotte, Raleigh/Durham, and Winston-Salem Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Areas

On June 29, 2012, a draft version of the North Carolina limited maintenance plan for the Charlotte, Raleigh/Durham, and Winston-Salem carbon monoxide maintenance areas was submitted to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). A request for public hearing, in accordance with 40 CFR 51.102, and the public comment period were noticed on the North Carolina Division of Air Quality (NCDAQ) website on June 29, 2012. The public comment period was open from June 29, 2012 through July 31, 2012. Persons wishing to submit comments or request a public hearing were invited to do so via the NCDAQ website notification. No request for public hearing was received. The public comment period elicited a no comment letter from the USEPA. No comments were from the general public was received.

Background

The Charlotte area experienced violations of the NAAQS in the late 1970's and was designated as nonattainment for CO in 1978. The Charlotte, Raleigh/Durham, and Winston-Salem areas were recommended as nonattainment for CO by the Governor in a March 15, 1991 letter to the USEPA Region IV Administrator as required by section 107(d)(1)(A) of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendment (CAAA).

Although the Charlotte area had an attaining design value of 8.4 ppm, based on 1988 and 1989 data, the 1978 nonattainment designation was reaffirmed by operation of law on the day of enactment of the 1990 CAAA. Therefore, the Charlotte area was designated as "not-classified" and was given, under the CAAA, 5 years from the date of official designation to attain the standard and therefore had an attainment deadline of November 15, 1995.

The Raleigh/Durham and Winston-Salem areas were designated as nonattainment and classified as "moderate" under the provisions outlined in Sections 186 and 187 of the CAAA. The design values were 10.9 ppm and 9.7 ppm (based on 1988 and 1989 data) for Raleigh/Durham and Winston-Salem, respectively. Since the design values were less than 12.7 ppm, both areas were designated as "low moderate". With a moderate designation, both areas had until December 31, 1995 to attain the standard.

In October 1994, the State of North Carolina submitted a redesignation request to the USEPA and the area was designated attainment/maintenance for CO in September 1995.

In April 1994, the State of North Carolina submitted a request to the USEPA to redesignate the Winston-Salem area to maintenance status based upon three years of clean air quality data. In November 1994, this area was redesignated to attainment/maintenance for CO.

For the Raleigh/Durham area, the State submitted a request to the USEPA to redesignate this area to maintenance in October 1994 and was redesignated to attainment/maintenance for CO in September 1995. In October 1995, the State submitted a revision to the motor vehicle emission budgets in the maintenance plan.

In March 2005, the State submitted the second maintenance plan to the USEPA for all three areas. This plan was approved by the USEPA in March 2006, and a clarification regarding this approval was published in June 2007. The June 2007 clarification was with respect to moving the oxygenated fuels program to the contingency measures.

North Carolina has chosen to use the limited maintenance plan option for this revision to the second maintenance plan.

Summary of Public Notice and Comment Period

The public comment period was open from June 29, 2012 through July 31, 2012. The only comment letter received was from the USEPA, which is attached at the end of this Appendix. The USEPA offered no comments but included a request that the emissions estimates in the emissions inventory documentation match the emissions estimates in the narrative. This has been addressed in the final submittal.

Conclusions

The NCDAQ believes it has adequately addressed the USEPA's comments. The NCDAQ will be moving forward with the final submittal to the USEPA of the North Carolina limited maintenance plan for the Charlotte, Raleigh/Durham, and Winston-Salem carbon monoxide maintenance areas.



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July 30, 2012

Ms. Sheila C. Holman, Director
Division of Air Quality
North Carolina Department of
Environment and Natural Resources
1641 Mail Service Center
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Dear Ms. Holman:

Thank you for your letter dated June 29, 2012, transmitting a prehearing package regarding the Carbon Monoxide Limited Maintenance Plan for the Charlotte, Raleigh/Durham, and Winston-Salem maintenance areas. These revisions were the subject of a public comment period beginning June 29, 2012, with written comments due by the close of business on July 31, 2012. We have completed our review of the prehearing submittal and offer no comments at this time. We have included some considerations in the enclosure.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Lynorae Benjamin, Chief, Regulatory Development Section at (404) 562-9040, or have your staff contact Nacosta C. Ward at (404) 562-9140.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Scott Davis".

R. Scott Davis
Chief
Air Planning Branch

Enclosure

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Enclosure – North Carolina CO Maintenance Plan

The summary totals for the point sources for the maintenance counties (i.e., Mecklenburg, Durham, Wake and Forsyth) and one county (Mecklenburg) for the area sources are slightly inconsistent between Table 3.1-1 of the State Implementation Plan Narrative and various tables in Appendix B. Please provide an explanation for the variance.

**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC NOTICE**

PURPOSE: The North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Air Quality (NCDAQ), hereby gives notice regarding its Pre-hearing Draft Carbon Monoxide (CO) Limited Maintenance Plan for the Charlotte, Raleigh/Durham and Winston-Salem CO Maintenance Areas. The CO limited maintenance plan fulfills the requirements of Section 175A of the Clean Air Act as amended. Once finalized, the Limited Maintenance Plan will be submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency to be included in the State Implementation Plan as required by the Clean Air Act. 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 CO Limited Maintenance Plan. Written comments should be received by no later than July 31, 2012.

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 at such hearing. A public hearing will be scheduled if requested. A separate notice will be announced for the hearing including the date, time and location. Written requests for a public hearing should be received no later than July 31, 2012 and addressed to Phyllis Jones, Division of Air Quality, 1641 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1641.

INFORMATION: Copies of the Pre-hearing Draft CO Limited Maintenance Plan may be downloaded from the NCDAQ website at http://www.ncair.org/planning/nc_sip.shtml.

Comments can be submitted electronically to:
daq.publiccomments@ncdenr.gov
(Please type "CO Limited Maintenance Plan" in the subject line)

Comments can be mailed or faxed to:
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The Pre-hearing Draft CO Limited Maintenance Plan may be reviewed in person during normal business hours at the following North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Division of Air Quality offices:

Raleigh Central Office, Planning Section	(919)707-8403
Mooresville Regional Office	(704) 663-1699
Raleigh Regional Office	(919) 791-4200
Winston-Salem Regional Office	(336) 771-5000

Date: 6/29/12



Sheila C. Holman, Director