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Public Notice and Comments Received

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**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 of the North Carolina Clean Air Act Section 110(l) Noninterference Demonstration for Repeal of Transportation Facilities Rules. 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 North Carolina Clean Air Act Section 110(l) Noninterference Demonstration for Repeal of Transportation Facilities Rules. Written comments should be received by no later than October 3, 2014.

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 September 29, 2014, and addressed to Joelle Bureson, Division of Air Quality, 1641 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1641.

INFORMATION: Copies of the Pre-hearing Draft North Carolina Clean Air Act Section 110(l) Noninterference Demonstration for Repeal of Transportation Facilities Rules 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 "Transportation Facilities 110(l) Demonstration" in the subject line)

Comments can be mailed or faxed to:
Joelle Bureson
NC Division of Air Quality
1641 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1641
Fax: (919) 707-8715

The Pre-hearing Draft North Carolina Clean Air Act Section 110(l) Noninterference Demonstration for Repeal of Transportation Facilities Rules 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
Asheville Regional Office	(828) 296-4500
Fayetteville Regional Office	(910) 433-3300
Mooresville Regional Office	(704) 663-1699
Raleigh Regional Office	(919) 791-4200
Washington Regional Office	(252) 946-6481
Wilmington Regional Office	(910) 796-7215
Winston-Salem Regional Office	(336) 771-5000

Date: 9/2/2014





UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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October 2, 2014

Ms. Sheila C. Holman, Director
Division of Air Quality
North Carolina Department of
Environment and Natural Resources
1641 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1641

Dear Ms. Holman:

Thank you for your letters dated July 30, 2014, and September 3, 2014, transmitting prehearing packages regarding the Transportation Facilities Permitting, Open Burning, Permit Term Rules, and the 110(l) Noninterference Demonstration for Repeal of Transportation Facilities Rules in North Carolina. We have completed our review of the prehearing submissions and offer a general comment in the enclosure on the Open Burning Rules. We offer no comments on the rules regarding Transportation Facilities Permitting, Permit Terms, and the 110(l) Noninterference Demonstration for Repeal of Transportation Facilities at this time.

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 that reads "R. Scott Davis".

R. Scott Davis
Chief
Air Planning Branch

Enclosure

Enclosure – General Comment on Open Burning Rules

15A NCAC 02D .1903 Open Burning Without an Air Quality Permit

b. 2. F. ii. Please include language to clarify that the amendments to this section do not interfere with the attainment and maintenance of the national ambient air quality standards.



September 26, 2014

Medical Advocates for Healthy Air

RE: Transportation Facilities 110(l) Demonstration Changes

As medical and health professionals who work and live in North Carolina, Medical Advocates for Healthy Air is extremely concerned about changing the requirements to establish criteria and fees for controlling the effects of complex sources on air quality.

Over 1.3 million people in our state suffer from asthma, COPD and cardiovascular disease. Among them, children are being affected disproportionately. One out of every ten children in North Carolina has asthma (NC Department of Health and Human Services). While clean air is essential for all children's developing lungs, it's especially critical for those children with asthma. With our state's planned population growth and the continued growth of our industry, business, and transportation sectors, it is critical that we retain these requirements in order to ensure the health of North Carolinians. Having these tools and fees in place alerts us of changes as they happen and help prevent and isolate systemic and localized pollution events.

It is our opinion that retaining the rule as it is written is the best option for North Carolinians. But if changes are made the cost reduction related to eliminating modeling requirements for carbon monoxide is of enough value in time and expense in this process. We would like to see the permit fee remain to help abate the tertiary efforts required by staff continue to track and manage the impacts of these projects and facilities during and post construction.

We have concerns that often these types of facilities promote the types of unhealthy transportation options we are attempting to impact, continue to increase local and state wide vehicle miles traveled, and do not directly limit the impact of these facilities on creating a more comprehensive environment to support active transportation options. The application fee would again help to document and monitor the future impacts of these facilities across varying land use plans and local regulatory environments.

Thank you for your consideration,

Terry Lansdell

