

Public Hearing Notice

Air Quality Program

September 2012

Proposed State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision for Tacoma-Pierce County Nonattainment Area

In December 2012, the Department of Ecology (Ecology) will submit proposed SIP revisions to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the Tacoma-Pierce County Nonattainment Area. The area includes most of the greater Tacoma and surrounding communities within Pierce County. It became a "nonattainment area" due to unhealthy levels of fine particle pollution.

Why are we revising the SIP?

This SIP revision will:

- Provide to EPA strategies to reduce air pollution in the nonattainment area as recommended by the Tacoma-Pierce County Clean Air Task Force and endorsed by the PSCAA Board of Directors. These include:
 - Increased enforcement of burn bans
 - Required removal of uncertified wood stoves and inserts
 - Work to reduce other sources of fine particle pollution
- Meet Federal Clean Air Act requirements by submitting 2008 Emissions Inventory for the Tacoma-Pierce County Nonattainment Area.
- Strengthen the SIP by including the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) Regulation 1-13 Solid Fuel Burning Devices
- Report on how Ecology considered environmental justice concerns in the area
- Report on the public involvement and stakeholder process

Where can you get more information?

The proposed SIP revision and related documents are available for review on Ecology's web site at

http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/sips/designations/pm_tacoma.htm.

Your can also view copies of the documents at the following locations:

Tacoma Public Library - Main
1102 Tacoma Ave. S.
Tacoma, WA 98402
(253) 292-2001

Swasey Branch Library
7001 Sixth Ave.
Tacoma, WA 98406
(253) 617-7810

South Tacoma Branch Library
3411 S. 56th St.
Tacoma, WA 98409
(253) 617-7809

Puyallup Public Library
324 S. Meridian
Puyallup, WA 98371
(253) 841-5454

MORE INFORMATION

Formal comment period:

September 10, 2012 through
5:00 p.m. October 19, 2012

Public Hearing:

Wednesday, October 17,
2012
6:00 p.m.

UW Tacoma
1754 Pacific Ave
GWP Building
Tacoma, WA 98402

Contact information:

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What comments is Ecology seeking?

Ecology welcomes all comments on the proposed SIP Revision. However, Ecology is particularly interested in comments on the following:

- 2008 Emissions Inventory for the Tacoma-Pierce County Nonattainment Area
- Ecology’s decision to include the entire Puget Sound Clean Air Agency’s (PSCAA) Regulation 1-13 Solid Fuel Burning Devices in the State Implementation Plan
- Environmental justice elements of the proposed SIP revision

How can you submit comments?

You can give us your official comments until 5:00 p.m. October 18, 2012 in the following ways:

1. Testify or submit written comments at the public hearing.
2. Email your comments to: AQComments@ecy.wa.gov
3. Mail comments to:

Department of Ecology
 ATTN: Margo Thompson
 PO Box 47600
 Olympia, WA 98504-7600

How will Ecology respond to comments?

All of the comments we receive will become part of the official record. Ecology will compile a summary of oral and written comments received during the comment period and Ecology’s response to those comments.

Note: Ecology will respond to comments about including the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA) proposed rule in the SIP revision. We will NOT respond to comments on the content of the PSCAA proposed rule. The PSCAA comment period for their rule ends September 26, 2012. Direct your comments about the rule content directly to PSCAA at www.pscleanair.org by that date.

If the hearing is cancelled

Ecology is including the proposed PSCAA Regulation 1-13 in the revision. If PSCAA substantially changes their proposed rule due to comments they receive, Ecology may cancel our hearing. If we cancel our hearing, the information will be posted at http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/sips/designations/pm_tacoma.htm and a future public comment period and hearing will be scheduled.

El área de Tacoma y el Condado de Pierce tiene un problema con contaminación del aire. El departamento de Ecología del estado de Washington invita a público comentar sobre el propuesto plan para mejorar la calidad del aire. El periodo de comentario público está abierto desde el 10 de septiembre hasta el 19 de octubre de 2012. Para más información en español, favor de contactar a Gretchen Newman a (360) 407-6097 o por correo electrónico AQComments@ecy.wa.gov.

តំបន់ព្រំសំរោងតាកូម៉ា (Tacoma-Pierce County) គឺមានបញ្ហាផ្នែកអាកាសធាតុក្រខ្វក់។ ក្រសួងបរិស្ថានវិទ្យានៃរដ្ឋវ៉ាស៊ីនតោនសូមអញ្ជើញសាធារណៈជន ដើម្បីផ្តល់យោបល់ចំពោះផែនការនៃសំណើនេះ ដើម្បីធ្វើឱ្យគុណភាពអាកាសធាតុមានភាពប្រសើរឡើង។ រយៈពេលនៃការធ្វើអត្ថាធិប្បាយរបស់សាធារណៈជនគឺបើកពេលចំហរ ចាប់តាំងពីថ្ងៃទី 10 ខែកញ្ញា រហូតដល់ថ្ងៃទី 19 ខែតុលា ឆ្នាំ 2012។ សំរាប់ព័ត៌មានច្រើនថែមទៀតជាភាសាខ្មែរ, សូមអ៊ីមែលសំណើរទៅតាមអាសយដ្ឋាន AQComments@ecy.wa.gov។ យើងសូមស្វាគមន៍សំរាប់សរសេរជាភាសាខ្មែរ។

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