

## Notice of Second 10-Year Maintenance Plan for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard for Crittenden County, Public Hearing, and Comment Period

NORTH LITTLE ROCK — The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), has prepared a proposed second 10-year maintenance plan for the 2008 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for Crittenden County, which is included in the Memphis metropolitan 2008 ozone maintenance area (TN-MS-AR Area). In 2012, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated the TN-MS-AR Area nonattainment for the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS. In 2016, the TN-MS-AR Area was redesignated to attainment and classified as a maintenance area.

At the time of redesignation, Clean Air Act (CAA) section 175A(a) requires the state to submit a state implementation plan revision addressing maintenance of the previously violated NAAQS for at least 10 years after the redesignation, and CAA section 175(b) requires the state to submit a second maintenance plan for maintaining the NAAQS for another 10 years (i.e., total 20 years after redesignation). The first 10-year maintenance plan was submitted and approved by the EPA in 2016 as part of the redesignation process.

DEQ has now prepared the second 10-year maintenance plan for Crittenden County, Arkansas, and is making it available for public inspection and comment prior to submission to EPA for approval. The maintenance plan includes an attainment emissions inventory, maintenance demonstration, monitoring data, verification of continued attainment, motor vehicle emission budgets, and a contingency plan.

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-317, DEQ by this notice solicits comments of any interested party to this maintenance plan proposal by submitting comments on or before the end of the public comment period, which is 4:30 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) Tuesday, May 13, 2025. Comments received during the public comment period from stakeholders and the public regarding the proposed plan will be made a part of the record.

Complete copies of the proposed plan are available for inspection and review after making an appointment during regular business hours at the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment headquarters, located at 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. The proposed maintenance plan update is also available at DEQ information depositories located in public libraries in Arkadelphia, Batesville, Blytheville, Camden, Clinton, Crossett, El Dorado, Fayetteville, Forrest City, Fort Smith, Harrison, Helena, Hope, Hot Springs, Jonesboro, Little Rock, Magnolia, Mena, Monticello, Mountain Home, Pocahontas, Russellville, Searcy, Stuttgart, Texarkana, and West Memphis; and at campus libraries at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and the University of Central Arkansas in Conway.

A public hearing on the proposed maintenance plan revision will be held Tuesday, May 13, 2025, beginning at 10:30 a.m. (CST) to accept comments. The hearing will be held in the Commission Room at the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment headquarters, located at the above address.

A recording of the public hearing may be viewed on the E&E YouTube channel at Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment – YouTube following the hearing. If the hearing is postponed and rescheduled, a new legal notice will be published to announce the details of the new hearing date.

Oral and written comments regarding the proposed SIP revision will be accepted at the hearing, but written comments are preferred in the interest of accuracy. Written comments should be delivered or mailed to: Demetria Kimbrough, Department of Energy and Environment, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118, or emailed to [ee.comment@arkansas.gov](mailto:ee.comment@arkansas.gov).

The proposed maintenance plan revision is posted to E&E's website at <http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/planning/sip/>.

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