

**Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Environmental Analysis and Outcomes Division
Public Notice of Proposed State Implementation Plan Revision**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has determined that a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision must be submitted to meet Minnesota's requirements under sections 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I) of the Clean Air Act (the Act). The draft SIP revision is now available for public comment.

Background. Section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I), or "Good Neighbor Provision," of the Act requires that states address the interstate transport of pollutants and ensure that they do not contribute significantly to nonattainment in, or interfere with maintenance by, any other state. This requirement means that the MPCA must demonstrate that air pollution emissions from Minnesota are not contributing significantly to air quality problems or violations in other states. This SIP submittal addresses Minnesota's good neighbor obligations for the 2012 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for particulate matter of less than 2.5 micrometers in diameter (PM_{2.5}).

Purpose of the SIP revision. The purpose of this SIP revision is to fulfill Minnesota's responsibility under the Act to demonstrate its compliance with section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I). Based on the evidence outlined in the proposed SIP, the MPCA believes that the limits and controls currently in place to limit PM_{2.5} and its precursors are sufficient to ensure that Minnesota will not significantly contribute to nonattainment, or interfere with maintenance, in any downwind state. Therefore, Minnesota requires no further controls or emissions limits to fulfill Minnesota's responsibilities under the Good Neighbor Provisions of the 2012 PM_{2.5} NAAQS.

In a memorandum issued on March 17, 2016, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) used recent air quality modeling to identify monitor locations projected to have difficulty attaining or maintaining the 2012 PM_{2.5} NAAQS by the 2017 deadline to comply with this standard. Past modeling has shown that air emissions from Minnesota do not significantly contribute to air quality problems at any of monitoring locations that EPA identified as being of concern. In addition, concentrations of PM_{2.5} and emissions of PM_{2.5} and most of its precursors in Minnesota have been on a downward trend in recent years, further indicating that it is reasonable to conclude that Minnesota does not contribute significantly to nonattainment in, or interfere with maintenance by, any other state.

The MPCA will consider changing the contents of the proposed SIP revision based on comments received during the comment period. Following the end of the comment period, the Commissioner will decide whether to submit the proposed SIP revision to the EPA.

MPCA contact person. The MPCA contact person is Amanda Jarrett Smith. Written comments, requests, and petitions should be mailed to: Amanda Jarrett Smith, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Environmental Analysis and Outcomes Division, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194; telephone: 651-757-2486 or toll free 1-800-657-3864; fax: 651-297-8324; and email: amanda.smith@state.mn.us. TTY users may call the MPCA at TTY 651-252-5332 or 1-800-657-3864.

Availability of SIP. A copy of the proposed SIP revision is available on the MPCA's web site at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/public-notices>. A copy of the proposed SIP revision is also available upon request by contacting Amanda Jarrett Smith at 651-757-2486 or amanda.smith@state.mn.us, or can be mailed to any interested person upon the MPCA's receipt of a written request. Additional materials relating to the SIP revision are available for inspection by appointment at the MPCA, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. To examine these materials, or for more information, please contact Amanda Jarrett Smith. All MPCA offices may be reached by calling 1-800-657-3864.

Public comment period and potential public meeting. The public comment period begins November 21, 2016 and ends on December 23, 2016. Your comments must be in writing and received by Amanda Jarrett Smith by 4:00 p.m. on December 23, 2016. Written comments may be submitted to her at the address, facsimile number, or e-mail address listed above.

As this SIP revision does not include any substantive changes to the Minnesota's SIP, a public information meeting will only be held if one is requested by 4:00 p.m. on December 23, 2016. If such a meeting is requested, it will be held on January 3, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the MPCA St. Paul Office, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194. To find out if a public information meeting will be held, please contact Amanda Jarrett Smith at 651-757-2486 or amanda.smith@state.mn.us after 4:00 p.m. on December 23, 2016. The public information meeting, if one is requested, will provide information, receive public input, and answer questions about the proposed SIP revision. If the public information meeting is held, additional written comments on the proposed documents will be accepted until January 10, 2017 at 4:00 p.m., following the same guidelines described above.