

PUBLIC NOTICE ANNOUNCEMENT

PROPOSED REVISION TO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF REASONABLY AVAILABLE CONTROL TECHNOLOGY (RACT) SET FORTH BY THE CLEAN AIR ACT (CAA) UNDER THE 8-HOUR OZONE NAAQS

Public Hearing

The Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (CAA) requires Philadelphia to submit to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision demonstrating that Philadelphia has implemented all necessary Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) controls on all major stationary sources of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and oxides of nitrogen (NO_x).

The Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Air Management Services (AMS) is now seeking public comment on a proposed update to the SIP revision that identifies RACT for the 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

In 2006, AMS developed a RACT SIP revision demonstrating that it implemented required RACT controls on all relevant stationary sources of VOC and NO_x emissions and that all RACT plans previously approved by EPA under the 1-hour ozone NAAQS were applicable to represent RACT control levels under the new 8-hour ozone NAAQS. The SIP revision relied on the NO_x SIP Call emissions trading program. On July 10, 2009, the D.C. Circuit Court determined that the NO_x SIP Call did not meet the specific source RACT requirements as required by the CAA. Accordingly, any air pollution source installed prior to the adoption of the 1997 8-hour Ozone NAAQS that was applicable to the NO_x SIP Call and did not have to install any controls in the original case-by-case RACT must now conduct a new case-by-case RACT determination to address any changes in technologies that occurred since the prior 1-hour Ozone NAAQS was adopted and implemented. AMS identified the following five facilities affected by the court decision: Exelon – Delaware Station (1325 N. Beach Street, Philadelphia, PA 19125), with three 15.5 MW combustion turbines and one 17.5 MW combustion turbine; Exelon – Richmond Station (3901 N. Delaware Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19137), with two 66 MW combustion turbines; Exelon – Schuylkill Station (2800 Christian Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146), with one 233 MMBTU/hr combustion turbine, one 284 MMBTU/hr combustion turbine, and one 2.75 MW emergency generator; Veolia – Edison Station (908 Sansom Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107), with two 283 MMBTU/hr boilers and two 335 MMBTU/hr boilers; Veolia – Schuylkill Station (2600 Christian Street, Philadelphia, PA 19146), with one 795 MMBTU/hr boiler and one 761 MMBTU/hr boiler. AMS has determined the RACT controls for the 8-hour ozone NAAQS to be the same as the RACT controls approved by the EPA under the 1-hour ozone NAAQS. These RACT controls are included in the current proposed SIP revision for the 8-hour ozone NAAQS and will be submitted to the EPA.

Anyone affected by the proposed update to the SIP revision may submit written comments for a request for a public hearing by mail to Air Management Services, 321 University Avenue, 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19104, Attn: Henry Kim within thirty (30) days from today. If requested, AMS will hold a public hearing to discuss these issues on Thursday, April 4, 2013, at 6 PM at the Spellman Building, 321 University Avenue, 1st Floor Conference Room, Philadelphia, PA 19104. Persons with a disability who desire to attend the meeting and require an auxiliary aid, service, or other accommodation to participate in the proceedings should contact Alison Riley at (215) 685-9422 to discuss how AMS may accommodate their needs.

If no request for public hearing is received by 4 PM on Tuesday, April 2, 2013, the hearing will be cancelled and notice of the cancellation will be published on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 12 PM, on AMS' website <http://www.phila.gov/health/AirManagement/index.html>. Interested parties may also call (215) 685-9439 to find out if the hearing has been cancelled.

The update and other supporting information are available for inspection at the offices of AMS during normal business hours. For further information, please call Henry Kim at (215) 685-9439.