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 2008 8-HOUR OZONE NAAQS

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 existing major stationary sources of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and oxides of nitrogen (NOx) as well as any VOC sources subject to Control Technique Guidelines (CTGs).

The Philadelphia Department of Public Health, Air Management Services (AMS) is now seeking public comment on a proposed SIP revision that identifies RACT requirements for VOC sources in Philadelphia for purposes of implementing the 2008 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

According to Section 182(b) of the CAA, AMS is required to submit a SIP revision to EPA to demonstrate that Philadelphia has implemented necessary CTG RACT control measures for existing stationary emission sources of VOC in Philadelphia for implementation, maintenance, and enforcement of the 2008 75 ppb 8-hour ozone NAAQS. The proposed SIP revision consists of a certification that RACT has been addressed for all existing VOC sources in Philadelphia covered by CTGs, as supported by the following: (1) a determination that previously adopted RACT regulations in the Pennsylvania SIP that were approved by EPA under the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS continue to represent RACT for 2008 8-hour ozone implementation purposes for CTG VOC source categories, (2) confirmation that recently adopted regulations address additional CTG RACT requirements for the 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS, and (3) negative declarations for all such CTG VOC source categories for which there are no affected facilities in Philadelphia.

The SIP revision and other supporting information are available for inspection at the offices of AMS during normal business hours or on AMS’ website at http://www.phila.gov/health/AirManagement/PublicMeetings.html.

Interested persons may submit written comments or a request for a public hearing on the proposed SIP revision to Air Management Services, 321 University Ave, 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA, 19104, Attn: Ramesh Mahadevan or ramesh.mahadevan@phila.gov. Use “2008 Ozone RACT SIP Revision” as the subject line in written communication.

The written comments or a request for a public hearing must be received by AMS no later than May 14, 2018. If requested, AMS will hold a public hearing to receive comments on the proposed amendment to the Pennsylvania SIP on May 31, 2018, at 6 PM at the Spelman 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 (215) 685-9436 to discuss how AMS may accommodate their needs.

If no request for a public hearing is received by May 14, 2018, the hearing will be cancelled and a notice of cancellation will be published on May 16, 2018, on the AMS website at
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