

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Draft Request for Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for the Huntington, Indiana (IN) 2010 Primary 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) Nonattainment Area

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[IDEM: Public Notices: Public Notices Northeast Indiana](#)

Notice is hereby given under 40 Code of Federal Regulations 51.102 that the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) is accepting written comment and providing an opportunity for a public hearing regarding the *Draft Request for Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for the Huntington, Indiana (IN) 2010 Primary 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) Nonattainment Area*. All interested persons are invited and will be given reasonable opportunity to express their views concerning this submittal.

On January 9, 2018, United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) designated Huntington Township in Huntington County, Indiana, as nonattainment for the 2010 primary 1-hour SO₂ National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS), effective April 9, 2018. The designation was based on preliminary dispersion modeling conducted by U.S. EPA that suggested SO₂ emissions from USMPC Buyer, Inc. d/b/a Isolatek International (Isolatek), in Huntington, IN, may potentially contribute to a violation of the 2010 primary 1- hour standard for SO₂.

Modeling presented in conjunction with the November 6, 2023, submittal demonstrates that the Huntington, IN nonattainment area is attaining the standard as a result of the implementation of permanent and enforceable emission limits established in Commissioner's Order 2023-Air-02 for Isolatek. This fact, accompanied by the permanent and enforceable decreases in emission levels discussed in Section 2.3 of the Draft Request for Redesignation and Maintenance Plan, justifies a redesignation to attainment for Indiana's nonattainment area based on Section 107(d)(3)(E) of the Clean Air Act.

The purpose of this notice is to solicit public comment on the *Draft Request for Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for the Huntington, Indiana (IN) 2010 Primary 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) Nonattainment Area*. The draft documents will be available for review on or before June 26, 2024, on the following web page:

[IDEM: State Implementation Plans: Huntington County Requests for Redesignation and Maintenance Plans](#)

Copies of the documents will also be made available on or before June 26, 2024, to any person up request at the following locations:

- Huntington City-Township Public Library, 255 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750

- IDEM Office of Air Quality, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Room N1003, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251

Any person may submit written comments on the *Draft Request for Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for the Huntington, Indiana (IN) 2010 Primary 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) Nonattainment Area*. Written comments should be directed to: Ms. Amy Smith via U.S. Mail at IDEM Office of Air Quality, Room N1003, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204-2251; fax at (317) 233-5967; or email at amsmith@idem.in.gov. Written comments must be submitted by July 26, 2024. Please refer to *Draft Request for Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for the Huntington, Indiana (IN) 2010 Primary 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) Nonattainment Area* in all correspondence.

A public hearing on the *Draft Request for Redesignation and Maintenance Plan for the Huntington, Indiana (IN) 2010 Primary 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) Nonattainment Area* will be held if a request is received by July 26, 2024. If a hearing is requested, the hearing will be held on July 31, 2024, and the comment period will be extended to August 7, 2024. If held, the hearing will convene at 6:00 p.m. local time at the Huntington City Township Public Library, 255 W. Park Drive, Huntington, IN 46750. Interested parties may present oral or written comments at the public hearing if it is held. If a hearing is held, oral statements will be heard, but for the accuracy of the record, a written copy of the statements should be submitted. If a request for a public hearing is not received by July 26, 2024, the public hearing will be cancelled.

Interested parties can check the online IDEM calendar at [IDEM Calendar - State of Indiana](#) or contact Ms. Amy Smith via email at amsmith@idem.in.gov or phone at (317) 233-8211 (direct) or (800) 451-6027 (toll free in Indiana) after July 26, 2024, to see if the public hearing has been cancelled.

If a public hearing is held, a transcript of the public hearing and all written submissions provided as part of the public hearing shall be open to public inspection at IDEM, and copies may be made available to any person upon payment of reproduction costs. Any person heard or represented at the hearing or requesting notice shall be given written notice of actions resulting from the hearing.

For additional information, contact Amy Smith via U.S. Mail at IDEM, Office of Air Quality, Room N1003, Indiana Government Center North, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204; e-mail at amsmith@idem.in.gov; or telephone at (317) 233-8211 (direct) or (800) 451-6027 (toll free in Indiana). Speech and hearing impaired callers may contact the agency via the Indiana Relay Service at 1-800-743-3333. Individuals requiring reasonable accommodations for participation in this hearing should contact the IDEM Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) coordinator at: Attn: ADA Coordinator, Indiana Department of Environmental Management – Mail Code 50-10, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204- 3 2251, or call (317) 233-1785 (voice) or (317) 233-6565 (TDD). Please provide a minimum of 72 hours notification.