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DEQ Receives Proposed Approval on Ozone Attainment Plan for Baton Rouge

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) received notice today from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for the proposed approval of Louisiana's Ozone Attainment and Transport Demonstration State Implementation Plan for the Baton Rouge area. The decision by EPA also proposes to retain the current ozone classification of "serious."

The plan requires reductions in air pollutants, which will bring the Baton Rouge area into attainment with EPA's one-hour ozone standard by November 15, 2005.

Dale Givens, Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, says, "We are pleased with EPA's decision. Their confidence in our State Implementation Plan shows that we are on the correct path to attainment in the Baton Rouge area."

Information on the Baton Rouge area's State Implementation Plan is available on DEQ's web site at <http://www.deq.state.la.us/evaluation.ozone/>.

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