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Department of Environmental Quality
Office of Environmental Assessment
Environmental Planning Division

Shreveport-Bossier City Metropolitan Statistical Area
Early Action Compact Air Quality Improvement Plan
State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision
(0408Pot1)

Under the authority of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2001 et seq., the secretary gives notice that the Office of Environmental Assessment, Environmental Planning Division, Plan Development Section, will submit a revision to the SIP for the Shreveport-Bossier City Metropolitan Statistical Area Early Action Compact Air Quality Improvement Plan. The SIP revision is mandated under the requirements of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments.

Early Action Compact areas have agreed to reduce ozone precursors, nitrogen oxides, and volatile organic compounds, thereby reducing ozone earlier than the Clean Air Act requires for the 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard. The Shreveport-Bossier City area was designated attainment on June 15, 2004, for the 8-hour ozone standard. EPA commits to not redesignate areas participating in the Early Action Compact program to nonattainment if they subsequently violate the 8-hour standard during the term of the compact.

A public hearing will be held at 10 a.m. on October 7, 2004, in the State Exhibit Museum Auditorium, 3015 Greenwood Road, Shreveport, Louisiana. Should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate, please contact Vivian H. Aucoin at (225) 219-3575 or at the address listed below. Interested persons are invited to attend and submit oral comments on the proposal.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the SIP. Comments must be received no later than 4:30 p.m., October 14, 2004, and should be sent to Vivian H. Aucoin, Office of Environmental Assessment, Box 4314, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4314 or to FAX (225) 219-3582 or by e-mail to vivian.aucoin@la.gov.

A copy of the SIP may be viewed from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the DEQ Public Records Center, Room 127, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802 (225-219-3168); Shreve Memorial Library, 424 Texas Street, Shreveport, LA 71101 (318-226-5897); Bossier Parish Central Library, 2206 Beckett Street, Bossier City, LA 71111 (318-746-1693); Webster Parish Library, 521 East & West Street, Minden, LA 71055 (318-371-3080); DEQ Northwest Regional Office, 1525 Fairfield, Room 520, Shreveport, LA 71101 (318-676-7476).

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