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Department of Environmental Quality
Office of the Secretary
Legal Division

2012 Fine Particulate Matter 2.5 (PM_{2.5})
National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS)
State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revisions

Under the authority of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, LA R.S. 30:2051 et seq., the secretary gives notice that the Office of Environmental Services, Air Permits Division, Manufacturing Section, will submit to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a revision to the infrastructure state implementation plan as required by section 110(a)(1) and (2) of the Clean Air Act (CAA). (1409Pot1)

On December 14, 2012, EPA revised the nation's air quality standard for fine particle (PM_{2.5}) pollution to improve public health protection. The primary PM_{2.5} annual standard was revised from 15 micrograms per cubic meter (ug/m³) to 12 ug/m³ and the 24-hour fine particle standard was retained at 35 ug/m³. Pursuant to sections 110(a)(1) and (2) of the CAA, each state is required to submit a plan to provide for the implementation, maintenance, and enforcement of a newly promulgated or revised NAAQS. At this time, Louisiana is in compliance with the new standard.

If any party wishes to have a public hearing on this matter, one will be scheduled and the comments gathered at such hearing will be submitted as an addendum to the original submittal. All interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the revisions no later than 4:30 p.m., October 20, 2014, to Vivian H. Aucoin, Office of Environmental Services, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA. 70821-4313, (225) 219-3240, or by email to vivian.aucoin@la.gov.

A copy of the recommendation may be viewed at the LDEQ website or the LDEQ headquarters at 602 N. 5th Street, Room 536-03, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802.

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