**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (LDEQ)**

**NOTICE OF CLEAN POWER PLAN LISTENING SESSION**

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) hereby provides notice of a listening session to receive input on the development of Louisiana’s state plan to limit carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions from existing electric generation units (EGUs). Louisiana’s plan is required by the Federal Clean Power Plan, promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on October 23, 2015, pursuant to its authority under section 111(d) of the Clean Air Act. The federal rule requires states to develop and implement plans which ensure that existing EGUs comply with CO2 standards prescribed by EPA. Twenty-four facilities in Louisiana will be impacted by the rule. (1603Pot2)

The listening session will be held on **Thursday, March 31, 2016, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and lasting until 3:00 p.m., in the Oliver Pollock and Pensacola Rooms of the Galvez Building (LDEQ headquarters), located at 602 North 5th Street,** **Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802. A 45-minute lunch period will be provided beginning at or about 12:00 p.m.**

If you or an organization that you represent would like to present material to LDEQ concerning the plan, please e-mail your proposed agenda topic and requested time allotment to Ms. Tegan Treadaway (tegan.treadaway@la.gov) no later than March 23, 2016. Note that the time allotted to each presenter will be based on the number of persons who request to speak, but each speaker will be provided with a reasonable opportunity to present his or her views. However, LDEQ moderators reserve the right to limit any subsequent discussion in order to ensure that all agenda items are covered. PowerPoint presentations can be accommodated, but are not required. You do not have to present material or propose an agenda topic in order to participate in the listening session.

The final agenda will be distributed via e-mail and published on LDEQ’s Clean Power Plan webpage (http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/DIVISIONS/AirPermitsEngineeringandPlanning/ CleanPowerPlan.aspx) prior to the listening session.

**Disclaimer:** On February 9, 2016, the U.S. Supreme Court stayed EPA’s Clean Power Plan “pending disposition of the applicants’ petitions for review in the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and disposition of the applicants’ petition for a writ of certiorari, if such writ is sought.” Interested persons should understand that the Clean Power Plan may be upheld, remanded to EPA for modification, or vacated in its entirety. Consequently, any input provided on the existing rule may no longer be relevant if the rule is revised pursuant to a court order.

**Clean Power Plan Common Questions**

**Are there any topics related to the Clean Power Plan on which LDEQ is not taking comment?** No, information on any relevant topic may be submitted for consideration. However, interested persons should be aware that Act 726 of the 2014 Regular Session, enacting R.S. 30:2060.1, precludes the state plan from requiring that: 1.) an EGU switch to other fuels (e.g., from coal to natural gas) or co-fire other fuels; or 2) the utilization of an EGU be limited in order to achieve the prescribed CO2 goal.

**When is Louisiana’s plan due?** According to the final rule, state plans must be submitted to EPA by September 6, 2016, though a 2-year extension can be requested. However, in light of the aforementioned stay, the date by which state plans will be due will likely be re-established based on the timing and outcome of the ongoing litigation.

**How can I be notified of LDEQ’s Clean Power Plan related actions?** A listserv (http://louisiana.gov/Services/Email\_Notifications\_DEQ\_CPP/) has been established to provide electronic notification when LDEQ schedules meetings, solicits comments, or disseminates information concerning the development of Louisiana’s state plan.

**LDEQ’s Clean Power Plan related records** can be accessed via LDEQ’s Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) (http://edms.deq.louisiana.gov/app/doc/querydef.aspx) under Agency Interest (AI) No. 199837.

**Questions or comments** about the listening session may be directed toMs. Tegan Treadaway at 225.219.3408.

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