

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

NOTICE OF PROPOSED REVISION TO GEORGIA'S
STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (EPD) proposes an Atlanta 1-hour ozone nonattainment area Redesignation Request and a proposed Maintenance Demonstration Plan.

The Atlanta area is currently designated nonattainment for the 1-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). Based on the most recent ozone monitoring data, the Atlanta area has attained the 1-hour ozone NAAQS. As a result, EPD will be requesting the US EPA to redesignate the Atlanta 1-hour ozone nonattainment area to a 1-hour ozone attainment area. EPD is also proposing a Maintenance Demonstration Plan to ensure maintenance of the 1-hour ozone NAAQS.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed Atlanta severe area Redesignation Request and Maintenance Demonstration Plan, may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Environmental Protection Division, Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia, 30354. The Atlanta severe area Redesignation Request and Maintenance Demonstration Plan will also be available for review at <http://environet.dnr.state.ga.us/1>. In addition, a copy of this notice together with an exact copy of the proposed Atlanta severe area Redesignation Request and Maintenance Demonstration Plan may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (1) Southwest Georgia Regional Office, Environmental Protection Division, 2024 Newton Road, Albany, Georgia 31701-3576; (2) Coastal District Office, Environmental Protection Division, One Conservation Way, Brunswick, Georgia 31520-8687; (3) Middle Georgia Regional Office, Environmental Protection Division, 2640 Shurling Drive, Macon, Georgia 31211; (4) Northwest Health District Office, 100 West Walnut Avenue, Suite 92, Dalton, Georgia 30720; (5) Northeast Georgia Regional Office, 745 Gaines School Road, Athens, Georgia 30605; (6) Bradley Memorial Library, 1120 Bradley Drive, Columbus, Georgia 31906-2800; (7) Georgia Environmental Protection Division, 6555 Abercorn Street, Suite 130; Savannah, Georgia 31405; and (8) Richmond County Health Department, 1916 North Leg Road, Augusta, Georgia 30909. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Air Protection Branch at 404/363-7000.

To provide the public an opportunity to comment on the proposed Atlanta severe area Redesignation Request and Maintenance Demonstration Plan, a public hearing will be held at 7:00 p.m. on January 18, 2005, in the EPD Training Center located at 4244 International Parkway, Suite 116, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument either orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted in writing for the official record. Oral statements should be concise.

Written comments are welcomed. To ensure their consideration, written comments must be received by close of business on January 18, 2005, or during the public hearing scheduled for the same date. Written comments should be addressed to: Chief, Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia, 30354.

This notice is issued pursuant to the Georgia Air Quality Act, O.C.G.A. Section 12-9-1 et seq.

For further information, contact the Air Protection Branch at 404/363-7000.