

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

Notice of Public Meetings
PM_{2.5} Nonattainment Designations
Chicago and Metro-East St. Louis Areas

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) will hold public meetings on the Illinois EPA's proposed designations for the 2012 PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). The meetings will be held at:

Chicago

October 23, 2013
10:00 am
Room 9-031
James R. Thompson Center
100 West Randolph Street
Chicago, Illinois

Metro-East St. Louis

October 29, 2013
2:30 pm
Illinois Department of Transportation
1102 Eastport Plaza Drive
Collinsville, Illinois 62234

Pursuant to Section 107(d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), Illinois is required to provide to the U.S. EPA recommended area designations for the 2012 revised primary annual fine particulate (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standard. The Illinois EPA must designate which areas of Illinois are attaining the standard, cannot be classified, or are not attaining the standard. The Illinois EPA has identified the Chicago metropolitan and Metro-East St. Louis areas, described more fully below, as not attaining the 2012 PM_{2.5} standard. All other areas of the state will be proposed as unclassifiable/attainment for the revised PM_{2.5} standard. Illinois is required to submit the designations to the USEPA by December 13, 2013.

The Chicago area being recommended consists of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties, plus Goose Lake and Aux Sable Townships in Grundy County and Oswego Township in Kendall County. The Metro-East area being recommended is Madison, Monroe, and St. Clair Counties, plus Baldwin Township in Randolph County.

The Illinois EPA is holding public meetings to explain its proposed designations, the methodology used in making the determinations, and answer questions from the public. The Illinois EPA is accepting comments on the proposed designations. Comments must be received by midnight November 12, 2013. Comments should be submitted to the contact listed below.

Comments and questions about Illinois' recommended area designations for the 2012 PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standard should be directed to David Bloomberg, Illinois EPA, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, P.O. Box 19276, Springfield, IL 62794-9276, telephone number (217) 524-4949, or TDD 217/782-9143, David.Bloomberg@illinois.gov.