

Webinar on U.S. EPA's Proposed Transport Rule

Intended Audience: Environmental Justice and Tribal Community Members or Organizations

When: September 2, 2010

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm EDT

Purpose: To help people in communities provide feedback about EPA's proposed Transport Rule, an air pollution regulation, by the October 1, 2010, deadline.

Earlier this year, EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson made "Expanding the Conversation on Environmentalism and Working for Environmental Justice" one of EPA's top priorities. As one of the ways EPA is moving forward, the Agency is working to better respond to community requests for timely information about upcoming air pollution regulations and programs. We are striving to find opportunities such as this webinar that encourage communication between EPA and communities throughout the regulatory process.

Proposed Rule: On July 6, 2010, EPA proposed a rule that would protect the health of millions of Americans by helping states reduce air pollution and attain clean air standards. This rule, known as the Transport Rule, would require 31 states and the District of Columbia to significantly improve air quality by reducing power plant emissions that contribute to ozone and fine particle pollution in downwind states.

Specifically, this proposal would require significant reductions in sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and nitrogen oxide (NO_x) emissions that cross state lines. These pollutants react in the atmosphere to form fine particles and ground-level ozone and are transported long distances, making it difficult for other states to achieve national clean air standards.

EPA is hosting this webinar during the public comment period for the proposed rule. You can use the webinar to become more informed about this proposal and to prepare your comments. The webinar is not a means of providing public comment on the proposed rule; to become part of the record for the rule, comments must be submitted to the docket via the methods described in the proposed rule. The webinar will also contain detailed information on how to submit your comments. The public comment period ends October 1, 2010. After reviewing all of the comments, EPA expects to issue a final rule in spring 2011.

Additional information on the Transport Rule is available at: www.epa.gov/airtransport.

Webinar Details: Reserve your webinar seat at: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/664530488>. Please note that you **must register at least 24 hours in advance** of the webinar.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar. Please plan to join the webinar at least 10 minutes prior to the start time so that we may begin on time.

The presentation will be available at: www.epa.gov/airtransport by September 1st. We will record and post the webinar for future on-line viewing at this same website.

The format for the webinar will be an on-line presentation by EPA using power point slides. You may view the slides on your computer and hear the presenter through your computer speakers (no microphone needed). You may use the “questions” function to email EPA during the presentation if you need further clarification or have additional questions. If you do not have computer speakers, please contact Regina Chappell at chappell.regina@epa.gov or 919-541-3650 for other audio options.

Computer System Requirement: If you are using a PC, you will need to have Windows® 7, Vista, XP, 2003 Server or 2000. If you are using a Mac, you will need to have Mac OS® X 10.4.11 (Tiger®) or newer.

Additional Information: For more information about the webinar, please feel free to contact Regina Chappell at chappell.regina@epa.gov or 919-541-3650.