

SUBMITTING COMMENTS ON EPA'S PROPOSAL TO REVISE THE AIR QUALITY STANDARDS FOR PARTICLE POLLUTION (PARTICULATE MATTER)

On June 14, 2012, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) [proposed to strengthen](#) the nation's air quality standards for fine particle pollution to improve public health and visibility. Exposure to particle pollution causes premature death and is linked to a variety of significant health problems. Particle pollution also harms public welfare, including causing haze in cities and some of our nation's most treasured national parks.

EPA has issued a number of rules that will help states meet the propose revised standards by making significant strides toward reducing fine particle pollution.

HOW TO COMMENT

- EPA will take written comment on the proposed standards for nine weeks (63 days) after the proposal is published in the Federal Register. The Agency also will hold two public hearings.
- There are multiple ways to submit written comments on the proposal. To ensure EPA receives your comments, identify them with this Docket ID number: **EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-0492**. Then submit them by any of the following methods:
 - **Go to www.regulations.gov** and follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.
 - **Send comments by e-mail** to a-and-r-Docket@epa.gov, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-0492.
 - **Fax your comments** to: 202-566-1741, Attention Docket ID. No EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-0492.
 - **Mail your comments** to: Air and Radiation Docket and Information Center, Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code: 6102T, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC, 20460, Attention Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-0492.
 - **Deliver comments in person** to: EPA Docket Center, 1301 Constitution Ave., NW, Room 3334, Washington, D.C. Note: In person deliveries (including courier deliveries) deliveries are only accepted during the Docket's normal hours of operation. Special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed information

TO READ THE PROPOSED RULE AND OTHER INFORMATION:

- **Visit EPA's website** at: <http://www.epa.gov/pm/actions.html> to read the rule and fact sheets summarizing today's proposal.

- Other places to read the proposed rule and background information (use Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2007-0492):
 - **EPA's electronic public docket and comment system** at <http://www.regulations.gov>.
 - **The EPA Docket Center's Public Reading Room** (for hard copies).
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