

AIR QUALITY DIVISION

Public Comment Period and Hearing on the Proposed 2024 PM_{2.5} NAAQS Boundary Recommendations Draft Report

On Feb. 7, 2024, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) revised the primary annual National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for fine particulates (PM_{2.5}) from 12.0 micrograms per cubic meter (µg/m³) to 9.0 µg/m³. As a result, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) developed its proposed boundary recommendations describing the geographic extent of attainment, nonattainment, or unclassifiable areas of the state with respect to the revised annual PM_{2.5} standard.

Comment period: Pursuant to A.R.S. § 49-405, ADEQ opens a 30-day public comment period on Sept. 23, 2024, for its proposed 2024 PM_{2.5} NAAQS Boundary Recommendations Draft Report and technical support document (TSD). The draft recommendations, and TSD, propose areas for nonattainment, attainment, and unclassifiable designations throughout the state for the 9.0 µg/m³ NAAQS.

Public Hearing: ADEQ will hold a public hearing at **11 a.m. on Oct. 24, 2024**, to receive verbal comments and answer questions concerning the draft proposal. Interested parties may attend:

- **In-Person at:** 1400 W. Washington St., Training Room 1104, Phoenix, AZ 85007
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Copies for Public Review: During the 30-day comment period, the proposed recommendations and technical support document are available online at azdeq.gov/AQD/2024Revisions. These documents are also available for review at the ADEQ Records Center, 1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007, 602-771-4380. Please call for hours of operation and to schedule an appointment or consult azdeq.gov/records.

Instructions for Public Comments: Comments may be mailed to ADEQ, Air Quality Improvement Planning Section, 1110 W. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85007 or emailed to airplanning@azdeq.gov.

Comments and questions may also be made during the public hearing.

Close of Comment Period: Comments must be received by ADEQ no later than **5 p.m. on Oct. 24, 2024**, or submitted at the public hearing. The final recommendation report will be submitted to the Governor of Arizona pursuant to A.R.S. § 49-405. The Governor will then submit initial designations, including ADEQ's final boundary recommendation report, to the Environmental Protection Agency, consistent with the Clean Air Act.

Additional Information: For more Information, visit azdeq.gov/AQD/2024Revisions.

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