NEW MEXICO ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD
NOTICE OF STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN REVISION

The New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board ("Board") will hold a public hearing on October 8, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the Grant County Business and Conference Center, Fort Bayard Room, 3031 Highway 180 East, Silver City, New Mexico. The purpose of the hearing is to consider the matter of No. EIB 13-05(R), proposed changes to the New Mexico State Implementation Plan ("SIP") revision for the Grant County, New Mexico sulfur dioxide maintenance area.

The proponent of this regulatory adoption and revision is the New Mexico Environment Department ("NMED").

The purpose of the public hearing is to consider and take possible action on a petition from NMED regarding proposed SIP revision to the Grant County Sulfur Dioxide Maintenance SIP. Section 175A of the Federal Clean Air Act ("CAA") requires states to develop state implementation plans to provide for the maintenance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards ("NAAQS") for those areas that have violated a standard (referred to as a nonattainment area) and for which there is sufficient data to prove that area is now in compliance with the standard. In February 2003, NMED submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") a Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the Grant County 24-hour SO2 nonattainment area. This submittal was subsequently approved by EPA on September 18, 2003. States are required to revise maintenance SIPs 10 years after the EPA approves an area’s initial maintenance plan. Upon adoption by the Board, SIP revision for the Grant County, New Mexico sulfur dioxide maintenance area would be submitted to EPA for incorporation into New Mexico’s SIP.

The NMED will host an informational open house on the proposed SIP revision for the Grant County, New Mexico sulfur dioxide maintenance area at the NMED Air Quality Bureau Office, 525 Camino de los Marquez, Suite 1, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87505, from 12:00p.m.-3:00p.m. on September 4, 2013. To attend the informational open house, please contact Gail Cooke at 505-476-4319 or gail.cooke@state.nm.us.

The proposed revised plan may be reviewed during regular business hours at the NMED Silver City District Field office located at 3082 32nd Street, By-Pass Road, Suite D, Silver City, New Mexico. Full text of NMED's proposed revised regulations are available on NMED’s web site at www.nmenv.state.nm.us, or by contacting Gail Cooke at (505) 476-4319 or gail.cooke@state.nm.us.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with 20.1.1 NMAC (Rulemaking Procedures – Environmental Improvement Board), the Environmental Improvement Act, NMSA 1978,Section 74-1-9, the Air Quality Control Act Section, NMSA 1978,74-2-6, and other applicable procedures.

All interested persons will be given reasonable opportunity at the hearing to submit relevant evidence, data, views and arguments, orally or in writing, to introduce exhibits, and to examine witnesses. Persons wishing to present technical testimony must file with the Board a written notice of intent to do so. The notice of intent shall:

(1) identify the person for whom the witness(es) will testify;
(2) identify each technical witness that the person intends to present and state the qualifications of the witness, including a description of their education and work background;
(3) include a copy of the direct testimony of each technical witness in narrative form;
(4) list and attach each exhibit anticipated to be offered by that person at the hearing; and
(5) attach the text of any recommended modifications to the proposed SIP revision.

Notices of intent for the hearing must be received in the Office of the Board not later than 5:00 pm on September 18, 2013 and should reference the docket number, EIB 13-05(R), and the date of the hearing. Notices of intent to present technical testimony should be submitted to:
Pam Castaneda, Board Administrator  
Environmental Improvement Board  
P.O. Box 5469  
Santa Fe, NM 87502  
Phone: (505) 827-2425, Fax (505) 827-0310

Any member of the general public may testify at the hearing. No prior notification is required to present non-technical testimony at the hearing. Any such member may also offer exhibits in connection with his testimony, so long as the exhibit is not unduly repetitious of the testimony.

A member of the general public who wishes to submit a written statement for the record, in lieu of providing oral testimony at the hearing, shall file the written statement prior to the hearing, or submit it at the hearing.

Persons having a disability and needing help in being a part of this hearing process should contact Juan Carlos Borrego of the NMED Human Resources Bureau by September 23, 2013 at P.O. Box 26110, 1190 St. Francis Drive, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 87502, telephone 505-827-0424 or email juancarlos.borrego@state.nm.us. TDY users please access his number via the New Mexico Relay Network at 1-800-659-8331.

The Board may make a decision on the proposed SIP revision at the conclusion of the hearing, or the Board may convene a meeting at a later date to consider action on the proposal.