

**BEFORE THE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Notice of Public Hearing
Wisconsin State Implementation Plan (SIP)
Proposed Attainment Demonstration for the Oneida County 2010 Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂)
National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) Nonattainment Area**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to ss. 285.11(5) and (6) and 285.23(2) and (4), *Wis. Stats.*, and ch. NR 401, *Wis. Adm. Code*, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) will hold a public hearing on its proposed plan for demonstrating attainment of the 2010 SO₂ NAAQS for the Oneida County nonattainment area.

Date and Time

December 11, 2015
2:30 PM

Location

State Natural Resources Building (GEF II)
Room 713
101 South Webster Street
Madison, Wisconsin 53703

Reasonable accommodations or informational material in an alternative format will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request. To do so, make a request to Mr. Mike Friedlander using the contact information provided below. A request must include specific information and be received at least 10 days before the date of the scheduled hearing.

Availability of the Proposed SIP Documents

Background information and proposed documents related to the attainment demonstration SIP can be downloaded at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/AirQuality/Input.html> or hard copies, free of charge, by contacting Mr. Mike Friedlander below.

Background

On July 25, 2013, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated a portion of Oneida County as nonattainment for the 2010 SO₂ NAAQS. This nonattainment area consists of the City of Rhinelander and the Towns of Crescent, Newbold, Pine Lake, and Pelican. The designation of nonattainment for the 2010 SO₂ NAAQS was based on ambient air quality data collected at the Rhinelander municipal water tower facility (Water Tower) monitoring site for 2009 through 2011. The monitored design value (the 4th high hourly value) for this period was 151 ppb, as compared to the 2010 SO₂ NAAQS of 75 ppb.

Per section 191(a) of the Clean Air Act, Wisconsin is required to submit a state implementation plan (SIP), for EPA approval, that demonstrates the Oneida County nonattainment area will reach attainment of the 2010 SO₂ NAAQS as expeditiously as practicable, but no later than October 4, 2018, which is five years from the date of the nonattainment designation.

The WDNR has identified SO₂ emitted by Expera Specialty Solutions LLC (Expera) as the primary contributor to SO₂ ambient air concentrations in the Oneida County nonattainment area. As such, Wisconsin is proposing emission limitations for all SO₂ emission sources at the Expera facility. In addition, Expera must increase the flue stack height for the primary source of SO₂ emissions, the coal-fired boiler designated as B26, to 296 feet in order to eliminate negative air flow impacts which increase SO₂ concentrations once emissions exit the stack. These SO₂ emission requirements have been determined through air quality modeling of emissions specific to the Expera facility. The development of emission requirements for Expera and documentation of the supporting air quality modeling are presented in the SO₂ attainment demonstration plan. The SO₂ emission and compliance requirements applicable to

Expera Specialty Solutions, LLC, for demonstrating attainment in the Oneida County nonattainment area are adopted and enforceable under Administrative Order AM-15-01.

Action Subject to Comment

The Department is soliciting comment on the proposed Oneida County 2010 SO₂ NAAQS SIP submittal, including Administrative Order AM-15-01.

Agency Contact and Submitting Comment

Comments on the proposed SIP submittal for the Oneida County 2010 SO₂ NAAQS nonattainment area should be received on or before December 15, 2015. Written comments may be submitted by U.S. mail, fax, or email and will have the same weight and effect as oral statements presented at the public hearing.

Questions or requests related to the hearing and written comments or questions on the proposed attainment demonstration should be submitted to:

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By - ___/s/ Gail E. Good_____

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