

**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PUBLIC NOTICE**

PURPOSE: The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality (DAQ), hereby gives notice regarding its pre-hearing draft of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision of the *Limited Maintenance Plan (LMP) for the Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill Maintenance Area for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)*. The DAQ prepared this LMP for the Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill maintenance area for the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS to comply with the D.C. Circuit decision that vacated EPA's interpretation that the second maintenance plans were not required for "orphan maintenance areas" (i.e., areas that had been redesignated to attainment for the 1997 ozone NAAQS (maintenance areas) and designated attainment for the 2008 ozone NAAQS) (South Coast, 882 F.3d 1138 (D.C. Cir. 2018)). The LMP covers the last 10 years of the 20-year maintenance period from January 3, 2024 through January 2, 2034.

COMMENT PROCEDURES: Any person wishing to comment may submit a written statement for inclusion in the record of proceedings regarding the pre-hearing draft of the *Limited Maintenance Plan (LMP) for the Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill Maintenance Area for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)*. Written comments should be submitted electronically or postmarked no later than Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

REQUESTS FOR A PUBLIC HEARING: Requests for a public hearing must be in writing and include a statement supporting the need for such a hearing, an indication of your interest in the subject, and a brief summary of the information intended to be offered. In order to address current guidance to help minimize the spread of COVID-19, a digital public hearing via Cisco's WebEx teleconferencing service will be scheduled if a public hearing is requested. A separate notice will be announced for the hearing including the date, time, and methods to access the WebEx meeting. Written requests for a public hearing should be postmarked or submitted electronically no later than Wednesday, November 10, 2021.

INFORMATION: Copies of the pre-hearing draft of the *Limited Maintenance Plan (LMP) for the Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill Maintenance Area for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)* may be downloaded from the DAQ website at <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/air-quality/air-quality-planning/state-implementation-plans/charlotte-gastonia-salisbury-nc-rock-hill-1997-8-hour-ozone-area>. Comments or requests for a public hearing can be submitted to: daq.publiccomments@ncdenr.gov (Please type "LMP Metrolina 1997 O3 NAAQS" in the subject line)

Alternatively, comments or requests for a public hearing can be mailed or faxed to:
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1641 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, NC 27699-1641
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Based on the current guidance to minimize the spread of COVID-19, all DAQ office locations are limiting public access to appointments only. As such, the Pre-Hearing Draft of the *Limited Maintenance Plan (LMP) for the Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill Maintenance Area for the 1997 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)* may only be reviewed in person after making an appointment at the following DAQ offices:

Raleigh Central Office, Planning Section (919) 707-8403
Mooresville Regional Office (704) 663-1699

Date: 10/25/21


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