
Special Notice

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Special Notice: Hearing for Regional Haze - Sulfur Dioxide Milestone Report

Utah's State Implementation Plan for Regional Haze (the Plan) adopted by the Air Quality Board on April 6, 2011, requires that Utah cooperate with New Mexico, Wyoming, and Albuquerque-Bernalillo County in producing an annual report to determine if the average emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO₂) from large industrial sources for the most current three-year period are less than the emissions milestone set in the Plan. The average emissions inventory for 2015 - 2017 is calculated by totaling all emissions from participating entities for each year, then averaging the three years of data. This number is then compared to the 2017 milestone set in the Plan. The draft report for calendar year 2017 is now available for public comment at <https://deq.utah.gov/air-quality/air-quality-rule-plan-changes-open-public-comment>.

The report shows that adjusted total emissions of SO₂ in 2017 from large sources in the participating entities--Utah, New Mexico, Wyoming,

and Albuquerque-Bernalillo County--were 76,504 tons; that the average SO₂ emissions for 2014-2016 were 79,709 tons; and that the SO₂ milestone for 2017 is 155,940 tons. The report demonstrates that emissions from the participating entities are less than the milestone and have met the requirements of the Plan for 2017. Therefore, implementation of the SO₂ backstop trading program identified in the Plan is not triggered.

The Utah Division of Air Quality will hold a public hearing at 1:00 p.m. on March 5, 2019, in the Four Corners Conference Room, Room # 4100, at 195 North 1950 West in Salt Lake City, Utah. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with special needs (including auxiliary communicative aids and services) should contact the Office of Human Resources, at (801) 536-4412 (TDD 536-4414).

The comment period closes at 5:00 p.m. on March 18, 2019. Comments postmarked on or before that date will be accepted. Comments may be submitted by electronic mail to jbaker@utah.gov or may be mailed to:

ATTN: SO₂ Milestone Report

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Additional Information

The Portable Document Format (PDF) version of the Bulletin is the official version. The PDF version of this issue is available at https://rules.utah.gov/publicat/bull_pdf/2019/b20190215.pdf. The HTML edition of the Bulletin is a convenience copy. Any discrepancy between the PDF version and HTML version is resolved in favor of the PDF version.

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