

1.9 Revisions, Public Hearing - May 22, 1974, Proposed Designation of Air Quality Maintenance Areas

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency revised Section 51.12 Control Strategy: General of the Requirements for Preparation, Adoption, and Submittal of Implementation Plans on June 18, 1973 (Federal Register, Volume 38, p. 15834). The revisions require that the State Implementation Plan shall identify those areas in the State which, due to current air quality and/or projected growth rate or potential natural resource development may have the potential for exceeding any of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards within the 10-year period between 1975 and 1985. Such areas identified are referred to as "Air Quality Maintenance Areas" - AQMA's."

After a public hearing, the State must submit a listing of those potential problem areas proposed for designation as AQMA's to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. After a review of the listing and supporting information submitted by the State, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will publish a final listing of areas designated as AQMA's in the Federal Register by June 18, 1974.

The North Dakota State Department of Health has revised Section 3. Control Strategy, of this Implementation Plan with the addition of a new Section 3.6 entitled Identification and Designation of Air Quality Maintenance Areas. This new section identifies the areas proposed for designation as AQMA's, and generally describes the methods and timing for producing the detailed analysis and maintenance plan required by the revisions to Section 51.12 Control Strategy: General.

The North Dakota State Department of Health has, prior to the revision of the Implementation Plan and after reasonable notice thereof, conducted a public hearing on the revisions to the Plan as required

by Section 51.4 of Requirements for Preparation, Adoption and Submittal of Implementation Plans.

One public hearing on the revisions to the Implementation Plan; was held on May 22, 1974, in the Hearing Room, State Capitol, Bismarck.

Notice of the public hearing was given by two publications of a notice of the hearing in each of the official county newspapers within the State, one week apart, the first publication being 30 days prior to the hearing. The Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Director of the State of Minnesota Pollution Control Agency were notified of the public hearing at the same time by registered mail. In addition, radio and television stations received notices of the hearing as well as approximately 850 groups and individuals included on the State Department of Health's air pollution mailing list.

The revisions to the Implementation Plan were available for public inspection as of April 22, 1974, until May 22, 1974, during normal working hours at the offices of the State Department of Health at the State Capitol in Bismarck and at the offices of the Fargo City Health Department, 204 North 4th Street in Fargo. Copies of the proposed revisions to the Implementation Plan were furnished upon request to the public as of April 22, 1974, to May 22, 1974.

The North Dakota State Department of Health has prepared and retained a complete record of the public hearing for submission to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency upon his request. Copies of the record of the hearing will be furnished to the public upon request.

Copies of the notice of the public hearing and a certification that the hearing was held in accordance with the notice required by Section 51.4 of the Requirements for Preparation, Adoption, and Submittal of Implementation Plans are attached in Appendix A.