



MEMORANDUM

TO: Transportation Planning Board Technical Committee
FROM: Robert d'Abadie, TPB Transportation Engineer
SUBJECT: Public Comment Periods / Public Hearings for the 2015 Ozone Standard Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan
DATE: August 27, 2026

At its July 22, 2026 meeting, the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) voted to approve two documents for public comment. The first was a Redesignation Request (RR) formally asking the EPA to reclassify the Washington, DC-MD-VA region as maintenance of the 2015 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone. The second was the accompanying Maintenance Plan (MP), which outlines how the region will maintain the 2015 NAAQS for ozone over the next 10 years. MWAQC, MWAQC Technical Advisory Committee, and the state air agencies have formally reviewed these documents, while the EPA undertook an informal review and provided comments. Copies of the draft RR and MP are available [here](#).

Public comment periods and hearings for the RR/MP are overseen by the state air agencies. Although the details for the individual state efforts have already been shared with the Committee via email (on August 14, 2026 for Maryland and August 26, 2026 for the District of Columbia and Virginia), they are also all synthesized in this single document and listed below, including directions on how to provide public comment:

Maryland

- The Public Notice can be found [here](#).
- The public comment period will be from August 5 to September 10, 2026 (Closing at 5:00 P.M.).
- Comments may be sent to the Planning Program, Maryland Department of the Environment, Air and Radiation Management Administration, 1800 Washington Boulevard, Suite 730, Baltimore, MD, 21230 or emailed to airplanning.mde@maryland.gov.
- A public hearing will be held on September 10, 2026, at 11:00 am and will be virtual.
 - Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ncf-dqsh-xkb>
 - You can also dial in using your phone: (US) +1 424-532-1144
 - The meeting PIN number is 272 713 040#

The District of Columbia

- Details of the Public Notice were released in the District Register on August 21 and are summarized [here](#).
- The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 5:30 pm.
- The public hearing will be held using teleconferencing, which allows for both a video and voice over internet protocol (VOIP) connection:

- Webex:
<https://dcnet.webex.com/dcnet/j.php?MTID=me9b9545cca3644878c473b15c2355130>
 Meeting number: 2311 083 5275
 Password: T3ZwZYpkt34
- Join by phone:
 1-202-860-2110 United States Toll (Washington D.C.)
 1-650-479-3208 Call-in toll number (US/Canada)
 Access code: 231 108 35275
- Interested parties wishing to testify at this hearing must submit their name, address, telephone number, and affiliation (if any) to the DOEE Air Quality Division by 4:00 pm on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, by email to Dr. Samuel Kay at AirQuality.Planning@dc.gov or at the following address:

DOEE Air Quality Division
 ATTN: Samuel Kay: 2015 Ozone NAAQS
 1200 First Street NE, Fifth Floor, Washington, DC 20002
- Interested parties may also submit written comments to the same DOEE address above or the same email by 4:00 pm on Tuesday, September 22, 2026.

Virginia

- Details of the Public Notice were released in the Virginia Register on August 24, which can be found [here](#).
- The public comment period will run from August 24, 2026, to September 24, 2026.
- The public hearing will be conducted at the Northern Regional Office in conference room 1 at 1:00 pm on Friday, September 18, 2026. The Northern Regional Office is located at 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, VA 22193.
- VADEQ accepts written comments by email and postal mail. To be considered, comments must include the full name, address, and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ no later than the last day of the comment period. Both oral and written comments are accepted at the public hearing. DEQ prefers that comments be provided in writing, along with any supporting documents or exhibits. Comments on the redesignation request and maintenance plan must be submitted to:
 - Doris A. McLeod, Air Quality Planner
 Division of Air – Data Analysis and Planning
 Department of Environmental Quality
 1111 East Main Street, P.O. Box 1105
 Richmond, Virginia 23218 (phone 804-659-1990)
 - Email: doris.mcleod@deq.virginia.gov
- All materials received are part of the public record.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Rob d'Abadie on TPB staff (rdabadie@mwkog.org).