

## **Proposed Update to the State Implementation Plan (SIP): Seattle, Kent, and Tacoma PM<sub>10</sub> Maintenance Areas**

In the late 1980s, EPA classified Kent and the mostly industrial areas of Seattle and Tacoma as “nonattainment” areas for particulate matter ten microns or less in size (PM<sub>10</sub>). These areas were either very close to or violated the 24-hour PM<sub>10</sub> standard. Because of industrial emission reductions, facility closures, woodstove standards, curtailments and outdoor burning restrictions, the areas meet the standards now and have for 20 years.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed SIP revision before the Department of Ecology (Ecology) submits it to EPA in November 2013. This plan is for the following existing Puget Sound PM<sub>10</sub> Maintenance Areas:

- Seattle PM<sub>10</sub> Maintenance Area: An industrial area near the Duwamish River near Georgetown and South Park neighborhoods, including the Port of Seattle.
- Kent PM<sub>10</sub> Maintenance Area: An area in the Green River Valley with commercial and industrial sources as well as some neighborhoods with wood stoves, including the city of Kent between Highway 516 and South 212<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Tacoma PM<sub>10</sub> Maintenance Area: The mostly industrial Tideflats area between Commencement Bay and Interstate 5, including the Port of Tacoma. This area is not the same as the Tacoma-Pierce county PM<sub>2.5</sub> nonattainment area.

No new rules or requirements are being proposed.

### **What will the SIP revision do?**

Since the three maintenance areas show little risk of re-violating PM<sub>10</sub> standards, they qualify for a streamlined plan called a Limited Maintenance Plan. Ecology’s proposed SIP revision to include this Limited Maintenance Plan will:

- Meet the federal requirement for a second 10-year maintenance plan

### **DATES AND LOCATIONS**

**Formal comment period:**  
September 27, 2013 through  
November 4, 2013

**Public hearing date and location:**

October 30, 2013  
6:30 pm  
Kent Commons  
Mill Creek Room  
525 Fourth Ave N  
Kent, WA

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**Special accommodations**

For special accommodations or documents in alternate format, call 360-407-6800, 711 (relay service), or 877-833-6341 (TTY) by October 18, 2013.

- Maintain the control strategies that help the area continue to meet the standard, such as
  - Fugitive dust control
  - Wood smoke curtailment
  - Outdoor burning restrictions and
  - Industrial emission controls

Other provisions that contribute to cleaner air are:

- A diesel inspection and maintenance program
- Lower sulfur fuel and more stringent standards for new diesel vehicles
- Fulfill the Clean Air Act's final maintenance plan requirements for the three areas.

### **Where can I get more information?**

The proposed SIP revision and related documents are available for review on Ecology's website at: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/air/sips/plans/maintenancesip.htm>.

How do I submit comments?

- Testify or submit written comments at the public hearing on October 30, 2013
- Email your comments by November 4, 2013 to [AQComments@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:AQComments@ecy.wa.gov)
- Mail comments by November 4, 2013 to:  
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### **How will Ecology respond to comments?**

All of the comments we receive will become part of the official record. Ecology will compile a summary of oral and written comments received during the comment period and Ecology's response to those comments.

### **Información en Español**

*Kent y las áreas industriales de Seattle y Tacoma necesitan revisiones rutinarias para sus planes de calidad de aire. Esas revisiones demuestran que las áreas todavía cumplen con las normas federales para la calidad de aire. Ecología invita comentarios públicos sobre las revisiones propuestas desde el 27 de septiembre al 4 de noviembre. Para más información en español, favor de contactar a Richelle Perez por teléfono a (360) 407-7528 o por correo electrónico a [preguntas@ecy.wa.gov](mailto:preguntas@ecy.wa.gov).*