

Appendix 12-1: **Public Participation**

New Jersey certifies that the requirements of 40 C.F.R. §51.102(a) and (d) for public hearings and notice have been met. A public hearing on the proposed State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision was offered by request on May 26, 2021, in accordance with the provisions of Section 110(a)(2) of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. §7410; 40 C.F.R. §51.102(a), the Air Pollution Control Act (1954), N.J.S.A. 26:2C-1 et seq., and the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14 B-1 et seq. A public hearing on the proposed SIP was scheduled to be held on July 13, 2021, at 10:00 AM if requested by June 11, 2021. No public hearing was requested; therefore, the public hearing was cancelled. Written comments relevant to the proposal were accepted until July 26, 2021. Notice of the proposed SIP, availability and the public hearing was published on the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (NJDEP's) website and sent out on two NJDEP air quality email notification systems on May 26, 2021. In addition, the notice was emailed separately to interested parties not on the NJDEP's email notification lists, air quality contacts from other states, air quality regional organizations and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Additional notification also consisted of emailing the notice to contacts at public libraries throughout the State and to NJDEP's three regional Compliance and Enforcement offices. These notices were issued at least 30 days prior to the date of the potential public hearing and close of comment period. Notification of the proposed SIP was also given at the NJDEP Quarterly Industrial Stakeholders Group Meeting on June 4, 2021.

Attachment 1 contains documentation of the public notice including:

1. The public notice posted on the website announcing the availability of the proposed SIP revision and the request for a public hearing;
2. The NJDEP website postings; and
3. The NJDEP email notification.

During the comment period, no comments were received on the proposed SIP revision.

NJDEP Initiated Changes:

1. Minor administrative grammatical and typographical corrections.
2. Updated discussions and tables regarding 2020 monitoring data to indicate that the data is no longer preliminary.
3. Updated discussions in Sections 6.3.2 and 8.1.1 regarding USEPA's April 30, 2021 Revised Cross-State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) Update rule and USEPA's October 15, 2021 proposed consent decree with environmental groups on its non-discretionary failure to "take final action to approve or disapprove, in whole or in part, 32 state implementation plan submissions (SIPs) addressing interstate pollution transport for the 2015 ozone national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) by statutory deadlines.
4. Updated the description of the federal NSPS for Natural Gas Turbines to indicate that the rule was withdrawn on June 2, 2017.