

Administrative Procedures – Public Input Statement

Instructions:

In completing the public input statement, an agency describes what it did do, or will do to maximize the involvement of the public in the development of the rule. This form must be completed for the following filings made during the rulemaking process:

- Proposed Rule Filing
- Final Proposed Filing
- Adopted Rule Filing
- Emergency Rule Filing

1. TITLE OF RULE FILING:

Sulfur Limitations in Fuel

2. ADOPTING AGENCY:

Agency of Natural Resources

3. PLEASE LIST THE STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE TAKEN TO MAXIMIZE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

Roughly a dozen stakeholder meetings were held between 2004 and 2010 to solicit input from industrial and environmental advocates on how to effectively implement a regional low and ultra-low sulfur heating oil program. The meetings were conducted by Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM) and the Mid-Atlantic/Northeast Visibility Union (MANE-VU). In addition to representatives of state environmental agencies in the region, the attendees included representatives from the heating oil industry, including oil-heat distributors, wholesalers and refiners, environmental groups, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, NESCAUM, MANE-VU and the Ozone Transport Commission. Further, the Agency is planning to hold a public hearing on the proposed rule amendments. The Agency will also post the proposed rule and the rule adoption schedule on the Air Pollution Control Division's website.

4. BEYOND GENERAL ADVERTISEMENTS, PLEASE LIST THE PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN OR WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROPOSED RULE:

As described above, representatives from state environmental agencies in the region, the heating oil industry, including oil-heat distributors, wholesalers and refiners, environmental groups, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, NESCAUM, MANE-VU, and the Ozone Transport Commission have been involved in the development of the sulfur limitations in the proposed rule. The Air Pollution Control Division will also provide a copy of the proposed rule to the state's Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program.

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