Appendix B

Public Notice and Hearing Results

Public Notice
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Revision to Ohio's Regional Haze State Implementation Plan

Notice is hereby given that the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, (Ohio EPA) is requesting that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) revise the current approved State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Regional Haze. On March 11, 2011, Ohio EPA submitted our Regional Haze SIP to U.S. EPA. Ohio's SIP was subsequently approved on July 2, 2012 (77 FR 39177). Ohio's SIP included the applicability of Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) to Ohio's only BART source, P.H. Glatfelter. Ohio's submittal included a compliance date for BART emission reductions of December 31, 2014. This compliance date was aligned with P.H. Glatfelter's expected compliance date for the Industrial Boiler Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) requirements promulgated by U.S. EPA in March of 2011 and allowed for achievement of BART well before the compliance date required by U.S. EPA's BART regulations. Under U.S. EPA's regulations (40 CFR 51.308(3)(1)(iv)), BART is to be implemented "as expeditiously as practicable, but in no event later than 5 years after approval of the implementation plan revision." This date is July 2, 2017.

U.S. EPA's Industrial Boiler MACT was subsequently litigated and a final revision was issued by U.S. EPA on January 31, 2013 which established a new compliance date for the MACT. On February 6, 2014, Ohio EPA received a request from P.H. Glatfelter to extend the original compliance date for BART to January 31, 2017 to align the BART compliance with the new compliance date associated with the Industrial Boiler MACT (as extended by Ohio EPA). The original compliance date was designed so that these dates aligned and allowed for P.H. Glatfelter to select and implement a control strategy that would address both the MACT and BART.

Ohio EPA is requesting U.S. EPA revise the approved Regional Haze SIP to allow for a compliance date of January 31, 2017 for BART.

These actions must be noticed to allow public comment and to satisfy USEPA requirements for public involvement in SIP related activities. This notice addresses Ohio EPA's request for U.S. EPA to approve a revision of the BART compliance requirements under the Regional Haze SIP. Written comments will be received on or before March 25, 2014 at the following address:

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Mailing address: Jennifer Van Vlerah
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, DAPC
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Pursuant to Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, a public hearing on this

redesignation request will be conducted as follows: **March 25, 2014 at 3:00 PM,** in Conference Room B at Ohio EPA, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, OH 43215.

All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented at the hearings and give written or oral comments on these changes. All oral comments presented at the hearing, and all written statements submitted at the hearing or to the above address by the close of business on March 25, 2014 will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this redesignation. Written statements submitted after March 25, 2014 may be considered as time and circumstances permit, but will not be part of the official record of the hearing.

This redesignation and maintenance request is available on Ohio EPA DAPC's Web page for electronic downloading at: http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/SIP/haze.aspx. Questions regarding accessing the web site should be directed to Arunee Niamlarb at 614-728-1342; other questions or comments about this document should be directed to Jennifer Van Vlerah, (614)-644-3696, or Jennifer.vanvlerah@epa.ohio.gov or mailed to Jennifer Van Vlerah at the above address.

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7 Public hearing held before Ms. Amber Kent,
8 Public Involvement Coordinator for Ohio EPA's Public
9 Interest Center, taken before Diane L. Schad, Court
10 Reporter, at Ohio EPA's Public Interest Center, 50 West
11 Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio 43215,
12 commencing on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, at 3:00 p.m.

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

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3 MS. KENT: My name is Amber Kent. I am a
4 Public Involvement Coordinator for Ohio Environmental
5 Protection Agency's Public Interest Center. I will be
6 presiding over today's public hearing.
7 Thank you for taking the time to attend this
8 hearing before Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.
9 The purpose of the hearing today is to obtain comments
10 from any interested person regarding Ohio EPA's
11 proposed action.
12 The State of Ohio is submitting to U.S. EPA a
13 revision of the State Implementation Plan for Regional
14 Haze for the State of Ohio.
15 All interested persons are entitled to attend
16 or be represented and to present oral and/or written
17 comments concerning the proposed action. All written
18 and oral comments received as part of the official
19 record will be considered by the Director of Ohio EPA.
20 To be included in the official record,
21 written comments must be received by Ohio EPA by the
22 close of business today, March 25th, 2014. These
23 comments may be filed with me today or emailed to
24 jennifervanvlerah@epa.ohio.gov.

All written comments submitted for the record receive the same consideration as oral testimony given today. Written statements submitted after today may be considered as time and circumstances permit, but will not be part of the official record of the hearing.

If you wish to present oral testimony at this hearing today and have not already signed the registration sheet, please do so at this time.

There is no cross-examination of speakers or representatives of Ohio EPA in public hearings such as this. Ohio EPA hearings such as this afford citizens the opportunity to provide comments on the official record, therefore we will not be able to answer any questions during the hearing. However, members of the panel may ask clarifying questions of the person testifying to ensure the record is as complete and accurate as possible.

Is there anyone here who wishes to testify at this time?

(No verbal response.)

As there is no one present who wishes to provide testimony, we will go off the record for 30 minutes. It is currently 3:07 on March 25th, 2014.

(A recess was taken.)

1 MS. KENT: We are now back on the record. It
2 is 3:37. There are no attendees present to present
3 testimony, so I will remind you that written comments
4 can be submitted through 5:00 today.
5 Thank you for attending. The time is now
6 3:37 and this hearing is adjourned.
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8 Thereupon, on Tuesday, March 25, 2014, at
9 3:37 p.m. the hearing was adjourned.
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I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a
3 true and correct transcript of the proceedings taken by
me in this matter before the Ohio EPA, on Tuesday,
4 March 25, 2014.

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DIANE L. SCHAD,
COURT REPORTER.

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Division of Air Pollution Control

Response to Comments

Revision to Ohio's State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Regional Haze – BART Compliance Date for P.H. Glatfelter

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Ohio EPA held a public hearing in Columbus, OH on March 25, 2014, regarding the revised State Implementation Plan for Regional Haze BART compliance date for P. H. Glatfelter. This document summarizes the comments and questions received at the public hearing and during the associated comment period, which ended on March 25, 2014.

Ohio EPA reviewed and considered all comments received during the public comment period. By law, Ohio EPA has authority to consider specific issues related to protection of the environment and public health.

In an effort to help you review this document, the questions are grouped by topic and organized in a consistent format. The name of the commenter follows the comment in parentheses.

Comment 1: Thank you for your email alerting us to Ohio's requested Regional Haze SIP revision to extend the BART compliance date for P.H. Glatfelter. We recognize that the requested extension does fall within the timeframe required under the Federal BART rule, and therefore have no formal comments on the requested SIP revision. We would, however, still like to encourage "BART installation and operation as expeditiously as practicable." (**Claire O'Dea- USDA Forest Service Eastern Region, submitted via email**)

Response 1: Thank you for your comment. Ohio EPA agrees with the commenter that the extension falls within the Federal BART rule timeframe and; therefore, Ohio EPA believes the request should be approvable. The installation and operation of BART as expeditiously as practicable is a high priority to

Ohio EPA and the agency feels this is being observed by P.H. Glatfelter.

Comment 2: Thank you for the opportunity to review Ohio's proposed SIP revision for P.H. Glatfelter. P.H. Glatfelter is subject to an alternative to BART. P.H. Glatfelter is required to install a control device, use alternate fuel, use low sulfur fuel, use a combination of measures, or permanently shut down a boiler to achieve a SO2 emission limit of 24,930 pounds per calendar day for Boilers 7 and 8 combined. P.H. Glatfelter is to comply with the alternative to BART emission limits by December 31, 2014.

We are aware of requirements to add SO2 scrubbers to satisfy BART at two other similar paper mills. The Georgia Pacific mill at Big island, VA has, instead converted the subject boiler to natural gas firing. The Georgia Pacific mill in Green Bay, WI has a compliance date for adding scrubbers (and tail-end selective catalytic reduction) by the end of 2015. We know of no paper mill (besides Glatfelter) that has requested (or received) an extension of its BART compliance deadline.

The Regional Haze Rule requires compliance as expeditiously as possible. Similar paper mills have either complied or are on a schedule to comply well before the July 2, 2017 date proposed by Glatfelter. In the absence of a compelling reason for an extension, we believe that Glatfelter should meet its previously-approved December 31, 2014 compliance deadline. **(Pat Brewer- National Park Service, submitted via email)**

Response 2: Thank you for submitting comments. Ohio EPA feels that P.H. Glatfelter's request for a BART compliance deadline extension from December 31, 2014 to January 31, 2017 is reasonable and they have provided justifiable reasons for this request. Ohio EPA is in agreement with this extension; due to the extension being within the original regulatory compliance date deadline of July 2, 2017. Ohio EPA believes this extension should be granted and will be sending P. H. Glatfelter's request to U.S. EPA for final approval.

End of Response to Comments