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 State Implementation Plan to include the 2014 NOx and VOC emissions inventory as the base year inventory for the 2015 Ozone NAAQS. This submittal covers the requirements for both the emissions inventory requirements and the emission statement program under the 2015 ozone NAAQS. The emission statement program was already approved under previous NAAQS and remains unchanged.

U.S. EPA designated three nonattainment areas for the 2015 Ozone NAAQS in Ohio including Cincinnati, OH-KY (Butler, Clermont, Hamilton and Warren Counties), Cleveland, OH (Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina, Portage and Summit Counties) and Columbus, OH (Delaware, Fairfield, Franklin and Licking Counties). The Columbus, OH area was redesignated to attainment on August 21, 2019.

Ohio EPA has prepared an inventory for the Cincinnati and Cleveland 2015 Ozone NAAQS nonattainment area including the point, nonpoint, nonroad and onroad sectors. The base year ozone emissions inventory is an inventory of the actual reported, estimated or calculated annual and ozone season day NOx and VOC emissions for Ohio sources. The State of Ohio will request that U.S. EPA review and approve the 2014 emission inventory and Ohio’s emission statement program for the purpose of the 2015 ozone NAAQS.

Ohio EPA is seeking public comment to satisfy U.S. EPA requirements for public involvement in SIP related activities in accordance with 40 CFR 51.102. Written comments will be received on or before Monday, June 22, 2020 at the following address:

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A public hearing on this action may be requested by contacting Holly Kaloz at (614) 644-3632 or holly.kaloz@epa.ohio.gov no later than Monday, June 22, 2020. If a public
hearing is requested, a new notification will be published to identify the time and location of the public hearing. The public hearing will be held at least 30 days after the date of the new notification.

All interested persons are entitled to comment on these changes. All comments submitted to the above address by the close of business on Monday, June 22, 2020 will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this action. Written statements submitted after Monday, June 22, 2020 may be considered as time and circumstances permit, but will not be part of the official record.

This draft emissions inventory and emission statement is available on Ohio EPA DAPC’s Web page for electronic downloading at: https://epa.ohio.gov/dapc/sip/2015. Questions regarding accessing the web site should be directed to Paul Braun at 614-644-3734; other questions or comments about this document should be directed Holly Kaloz at (614) 644-3632 or holly.kaloz@epa.ohio.gov or mailed to Holly Kaloz at the above address.