



EPA provides \$300,000 to Metroparks Toledo to restore wet prairie in Maumee River AOC.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$300,000 to the Metropolitan Park District of the Toledo Area to restore 32 acres of wet prairie within the Maumee River Area of Concern. “EPA is proud to invest in a project that will restore important habitat – benefitting Toledo families and communities,” said Regional Administrator and Great Lakes National Program Manager Cathy Stepp. “Today’s grant illustrates the value of partnerships in restoring the Great Lakes.” “Creating experiences that connect people to nature is an important part of the work we do as conservationists,” said Metroparks Toledo Executive Director Dave Zenk. “This acquisition and restoration project involves properties within the Oak Openings Corridor, one of the most diverse ecoregions in Ohio. The corridor connects five of our Metroparks as well as three state nature preserves, providing habitat for wildlife and access for people.”



Through this project, Metroparks Toledo will acquire property in the designated Irwin Wet Prairie Priority Conservation Area in the Oak Openings Region and implement habitat enhancement activities, including site cleanup and invasive species removal. Afterwards, the tracts will be permanently protected by Metroparks Toledo and managed to maintain high-quality oak openings, benefitting the species that rely on this habitat. This funding was made available through the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI). The GLRI was launched in 2010 to accelerate efforts to protect and restore the Great Lakes. EPA has funded more than 900 projects to address GLRI’s highest priorities: cleaning up highly-contaminated “areas of concern,” reducing nutrient runoff, combating invasive species and restoring habitat. A portion of the Maumee River watershed was designated as an Area of Concern under the 1987 Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, with environmental problems primarily due to sediment contamination and agricultural runoff.

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Air Plan Approval; District of Columbia; State Implementation Plan for the Interstate Transport Requirements for the 2008 Ozone Standard

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is proposing to approve a portion of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision submitted by the District of Columbia that pertains to the good neighbor and interstate transport requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA) for the 2008 ozone national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). The CAA's good neighbor provision requires EPA and states to address the interstate transport of air pollution that affects the ability of other states to attain and maintain the NAAQS. Specifically, the good neighbor provision requires each state in its SIP to prohibit emissions that will significantly contribute to nonattainment, or interfere with maintenance, of a NAAQS in another state. The District has submitted a SIP revision that addresses the good neighbor provision for the 2008 ozone NAAQS. In this action, EPA is proposing to approve the District's SIP as having adequate provisions to meet the requirements of the good neighbor provision for the 2008 ozone NAAQS in accordance with section 110 of the CAA.

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Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations Update to Include New Jersey State Requirements

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is finalizing the update of the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Air Regulations proposed in the Federal Register on February 13, 2018. Requirements applying to OCS sources located within 25 miles of states' seaward boundaries must be updated periodically to remain consistent with the requirements for the Corresponding Onshore Area (COA), which is typically the state geographically closest to the OCS source. The portion of the OCS Air Regulations that is being updated pertains to the requirements for OCS sources for which the State of New Jersey is the COA. The intended effect of approving the updated OCS requirements for the State of New Jersey is to regulate emissions from OCS sources in accordance with the requirements onshore. The requirements discussed below are incorporated by reference into the Code of Federal Regulations and are listed in the appendix to the OCS air regulations.

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EPA FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICES

SUBJECT: Approval and Promulgation of State Implementation Plan Revisions; Colorado; Attainment Demonstration for the 2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard for the Denver Metro/North Front Range Nonattainment Area, and Approval of Related Revisions

<http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.html>

Federal Register: Vol. 83, No. 128,
Tuesday, July 3, 2018/Rules and Regulations
AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency
ACTION: Final Rule

SUMMARY: On May 31, 2017, the State of Colorado submitted State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions related to attainment of the 2008 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for the Denver Metro/North Front Range (DMNFR) moderate nonattainment area by the applicable attainment date of July 20, 2018. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is approving a majority of the submittal, as well as revisions made to Colorado's Reg. No. 7 in a May 5, 2013 SIP submission. The EPA is deferring action on portions of the submitted reasonably available control technology (RACT) rules. This action is being taken in accordance with the Clean Air Act (CAA).

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SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Hold a Workshop for a Study on the Impacts of Compliance with the ECA Fuel Sulfur Limits on U.S. Coastal Shipping

<http://www.epa.gov/dockets/contacts.html>

Federal Register: Vol. 83, No. 131,
Tuesday, July 9, 2018 /Notices
AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency
ACTION: Notices

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is announcing a stakeholder workshop to be held in Washington, DC, on July 30, 2018. This workshop will engage individuals and companies involved in U.S. coastal shipping as transportation providers or users, as well as states, local communities and interested citizens, in the development of a study of the impacts on that sector of the North American Emission Control Area (ECA) fuel sulfur limits for ships. The Agency will provide background on the study, describe the proposed analytic methodology, and solicit stakeholder input regarding the selection of transportation routes to be studied and data inputs.

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