

The Air You Breathe

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MM2A Amendments

EPA has finalized amendments to a 2020 Clean Air Act Rule, Major MACT to Area (MM2A) that will protect public health when major sources of hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) reclassify as area sources under the National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) program. The final amendments will ensure that sources of seven key hazardous air pollutants will continue to comply with major source emission standards, even if the source reclassifies as an area source. Learn more by clicking [HERE](#).

Section 112(c)(6) of the Clean Air Act requires that at least 90% of the cumulative emissions of these pollutants be subject to protective emissions standards. This final rule requires sources of these pollutants to continue to comply with major source emission standards even if the source reclassifies as an area source. This will assure that the Clean Air Act requirements that protect communities from dangerous air pollution continue to be met. The final rule focuses on sources of seven persistent and bioaccumulative hazardous air pollutants – pollutants that do not break down and build up in living things over time. These compounds are: (1) alkylated lead compounds; (2) polycyclic organic matter (POM); (3) mercury; (4) hexachlorobenzene; (5) polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB); (6) 2,3,7,8- tetrachlorodibenzofurans (furans); and (7) 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (dioxins). Additionally, this final rule clarifies the notification requirements that reclassifying facilities must meet, while also including minor amendments to reporting requirements when submitting confidential business information. [Read the final rule and a summary fact sheet.](#)

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Opening Burning - Don't Burn Those Leaves

Open burning is any set outdoor fire, including burning those leaves, that does not vent to a chimney or stack.

Some studies indicate that even small camp fires burning clean wood can emit harmful chemicals. Burning "unclean" materials can be even more hazardous. For example, when you burn refuse in burn barrels or open piles, the potential cost to your health, your home, your neighbors and your environment far exceeds the price of adequate collection services. Protect yourself, your neighbors and your wallet by knowing what you can burn and where.

Some fires require notification to Ohio EPA, or receipt of written permission from Ohio EPA, prior to performing the fire. To see if your fire requires notification or permission, please see Ohio EPA's open burning rules, contained in [Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 3745.19](#) or contact the Ohio EPA open burning contact for the county in which the fire will take place.

Open Burning Resources:

- [Before You Light It: Know Ohio's Opening Burning Regulations](#)
- What Can You Burn in the Neighborhood - [English](#) [Spanish](#)
- [Request Permission to Conduct Open Burning](#)
- [Notification Form](#)



Stay Up-to-Date on Public Notices and Meetings

In most circumstances, Ohio EPA is not required to publish public notices in the legal section of local newspapers. However, anyone can access notices about upcoming public meetings, permitting, and other actions on the [Weekly Review and Public Notices webpage](#).

Ohio EPA will continue to publish public notices in newspapers when it is required.

What is an Ohio EPA Public Notice?

Ohio EPA issues a public notice to inform citizens about a public hearing, public meeting, adjudication hearing, rule-making, verified complaint, or the issuance of a draft, proposed, or final action. Each public notice will contain instructions on how to find out more about the underlying action, submit comments, etc. Public Notices can be found on [Ohio EPA's Public Notice webpage](#). Check Public Notices to stay informed.

How do I Search for Public Notices?

Once the [public notice search page](#) opens, you can search Public Notices, Public Comment, Public Meeting, or the Weekly Review by clicking the circle next to each category.

- **Public Notices Search Criteria**
This search can be conducted using the "Entity Search Criteria" or "the Notice Search Criteria."
 - If using the Entity Search Criteria, enter the facility name and change the state to Ohio. Click the search button and the results will appear below.
 - If using the "Notice Search Criteria", you may search by entering either the county, program, notice type, or a date range.
 - County, program, and notice type have drop down menus to assist you. When you have made your selection, click the search button and the results will appear below.
- **Public Comment Search Criteria**
 - Enter the entity name, county, or keyword and complete the deadline date range. Click the search button and the results will appear below.
- **Public Meeting Search Criteria**
 - Enter the entity name, county, or keyword and complete the meeting date range. Click the search button and the results will appear below.
- **Weekly Review Search Criteria**
 - Choose a year and weekly review date from the drop-down menus. Click the download button.

A letter from the Administrator

Due to changing mechanisms of communication, we have made the tough decision to discontinue the production of our quarterly newsletter, The Air You Breathe. This newsletter has been produced continuously since the mid-1960s in some form. While we have enjoyed creating this document, it is more efficient to provide the updates and information via our [website](#) and our [Facebook](#) page.

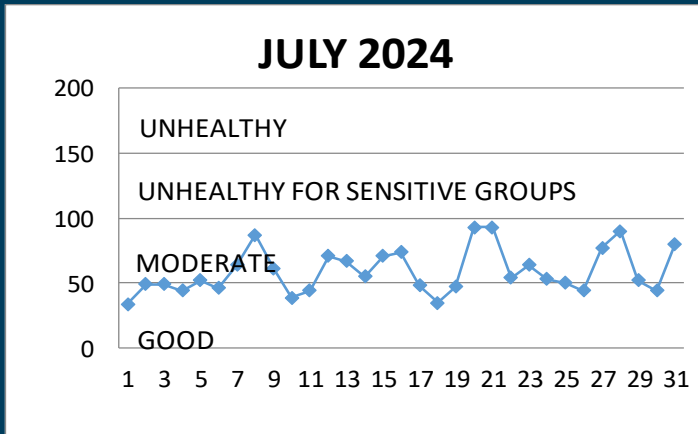
I would like to recognize those who have been instrumental in the generation of the newsletter over the past 60 years; namely Millicent Peters, Kristen Hildreth and Dawn Meyers. Without their dedication, skill in creating the layouts for printing, and persistence in obtaining articles of interest and importance, none of this would have happened. While we are changing our mode of communication, please be assured that the ARAQMD staff will be continuing to work diligently to protect the **Air You Breathe**.

Sam Rubens, Administrator

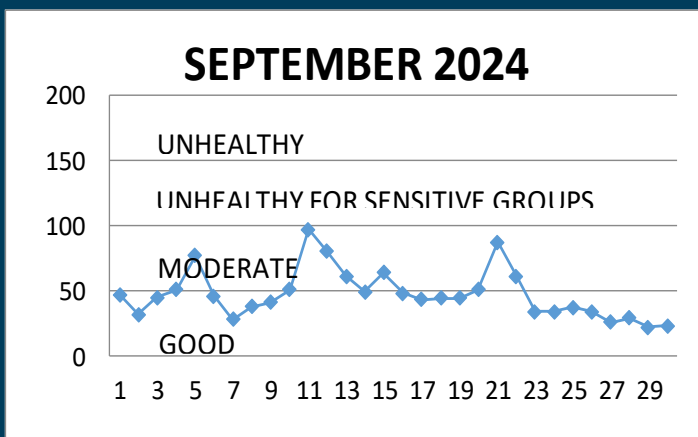
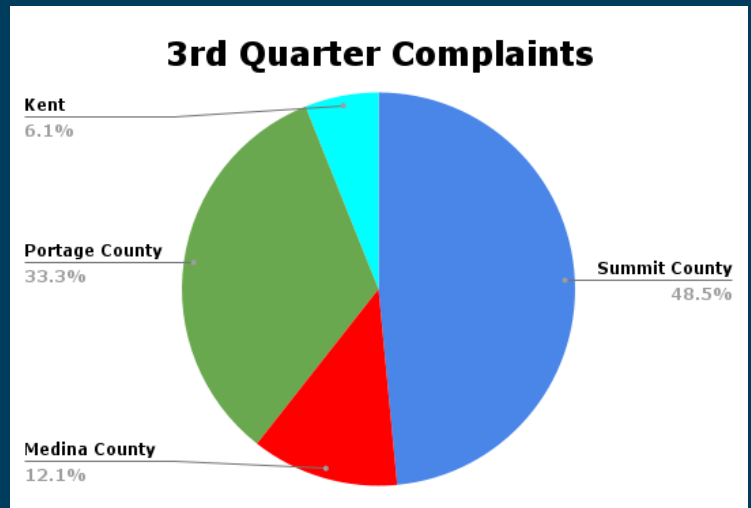
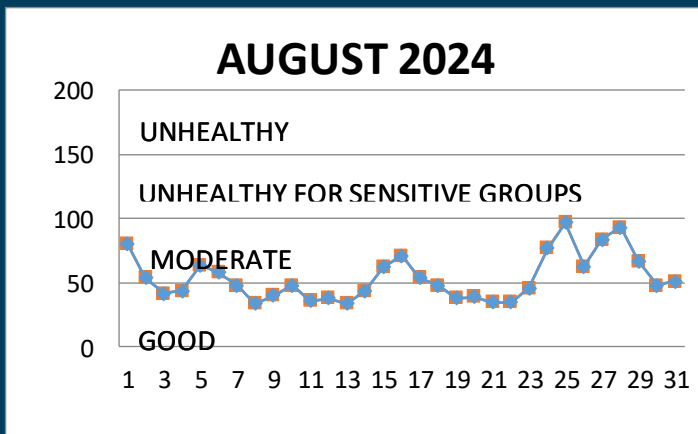
AQ by the Numbers: 3rd Quarter 2024

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Complaints & Inspections



Area/ Health District	Commercial/ Industrial	Residential	Total
Summit County	8	8	16
Medina County	2	2	4
Portage County	4	7	11
Kent	1	1	2



Site Visits	3rd Quarter 2024
FEPTIO	13
Title V	4
Non Title V	41
Full Compliance Evaluations	5

Additional Stats

Permits Issued							
3rd Quarter 2024	Permit to Install		Permit to Install & Operate		Title V		Permit by Rule
	Draft	Final	Draft	Final	Draft**	Final	
**Includes - Preliminary Proposed Permits & Proposed Permits	3	3	0	18	1	1	22

Asbestos	
3Q- Notifications	36
3Q- Inspections	44