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Public comment period open on EPA regulations

Anyone wishing to comment on EPA regulations they believe should be repealed, replaced or modified has until May 15, 2017 to provide input. EPA is soliciting comments in response to Executive Order 13777 “Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda” which requires all federal agencies to evaluate their regulations and recommend potential changes.

Specifically, EPA is looking for regulations that:

- (i) eliminate jobs, or inhibit job creation;
- (ii) are outdated, unnecessary, or ineffective;
- (iii) impose costs that exceed benefits;
- (iv) create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with regulatory reform initiatives and policies;
- (v) are inconsistent with the requirements of section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriations Act, 2001 (44 U.S.C. 3516 note), or the guidance issued pursuant to that provision, in particular those regulations that rely in whole or in part on data, information, or methods that are not publicly available or that are insufficiently transparent to meet the standard for reproducibility; or
- (vi) derive from or implement Executive Orders or other Presidential directives that have been subsequently rescinded or substantially modified.”

There are three options to submit written comments to EPA:

Email comments to Laws-Regs@epa.gov



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Mail comments to:

Office of Policy Regulatory Reform, Mail Code 1803A
1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20460

Submit comments to the Docket: <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-HQ-OA-2017-0190>

For more information on this effort, visit EPA's Regulatory Reform page: <https://www.epa.gov/laws-regulations/regulatory-reform>.

The department celebrates Clean Air Month and encourages citizens to Be Air Aware

MADISON – This May, DNR is celebrating our state's clean air and the continued air quality improvements registering state-wide.

"Clean Air Month is a great opportunity for Wisconsin residents and businesses to learn about our state's air quality. DNR, along with our state's businesses and citizens, have worked hard to improve the quality of our air, and we have significant improvements to show for it," said DNR Air Program Director, Gail Good. Good noted that the agency's December 2016 Wisconsin [Air Quality Trends Report](http://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/am/AM550.pdf) [http://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/am/AM550.pdf] again showed positive trends toward cleaner air. Overall, concentrations of most pollutants regulated under the Clean Air Act have been decreasing over the past decade across the state.

The [Clean Air Month web page](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/airquality/cleanairmonth.html) [http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/airquality/cleanairmonth.html] includes tips for reducing air emissions, an opportunity for citizens to sign-up for air quality notices, and information on current and past winners of the department's annual Air, Air Everywhere poetry contest for third, fourth and fifth grade students in Wisconsin.

"The Air, Air Everywhere poetry contest is a great way to engage children in our Clean Air Month celebrations," Good remarked. "Each year the department receives dozens of contest entries from classrooms filled with students learning about air quality. The contest is an opportunity for DNR to educate children throughout the state on the importance of clean air and the voluntary actions we can all take to keep our air clean."

"Voluntary actions taken by Wisconsin citizens and businesses continue to support and improve the quality of our State's clean air," said DNR Secretary Cathy Stepp.

To learn more about voluntary actions to reduce air emissions visit the [Do A Little Save a Lot](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/airquality/italldsup.html) page [http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/airquality/italldsup.html].

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