

The Missoula City-County Air Pollution Control Board will hold a public hearing on proposed changes to the Missoula City-County Air Pollution Control Program on Thursday, August 20, 2009 at 12:15 p.m. or soon thereafter. The Board meets in the second floor conference room at the Health Department at 301 West Alder in Missoula. The Air Board will consider proposed changes to Chapter 4 “Missoula County Air Stagnation and Emergency Episode Avoidance Plan”; Chapter 6 “Standards for Stationary Sources”; Chapter 9 “Solid Fuel Burning Devices”; and Chapter 14 “Enforcement and Administrative Procedures.” In April, the Department proposed changes to clarify administrative procedures and to address the health-based federal PM_{2.5} standard, which was lowered in the fall of 2006. Missoula is close to violating the standard, and the Department recommends the revisions to prevent Missoula from becoming a federal non-attainment area for PM_{2.5}.

The Air Board will take public comments at the hearing and again on September 17, 2009 before making a decision. Written comments may be submitted on or before September 9, 2009 by mailing them to Air Comments, MCCHD, 301 W Alder St., Missoula, MT 59802; faxing them to (406) 258-4781 or emailing them to aircomments@ho.missoula.mt.us. The Air Board intends to decide whether to amend the air regulations at their meeting on September 17, 2009. For more information, a copy of the proposed regulations or to sign up for the Interested Parties mailing list, visit www.co.missoula.mt.us/airquality or call 258-4755.