

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Air Pollution Control Board  
**FROM:** Jan Scher, Air Quality Specialist  
**DATE:** June 22, 2006  
**SUBJECT:** Summary of recent department activities regarding EPA's Proposed PM Standards and PM<sub>10</sub> Redesignation

### PRESENTATIONS

Chamber of Commerce—Montana Council on Industry and Economy	4-11-06
Air Quality Advisory Council	5-2-06
Air Pollution Control Board	5-18-06
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee	6-1-06
City Council—Committee of the Whole	6-19-06
County Commissioners	6-21-06
Transportation Policy Coordinating Committee	6-21-06

#### Some questions and concerns raised at meetings

- § Don't want resources that have already been put into PM<sub>10</sub> redesignation to go to waste.
- § Will standards be implemented on schedule?
- § Will department be updating research (i.e. CMB studies)?
- § EPA is "raising the bar" for air quality just when we are close to becoming a maintenance area.
- § We need to look for practical solutions (i.e. not suggesting that people not drive).
- § Will low-sulfur diesel help us comply with PM<sub>2.5</sub> standards?
- § We need to consider options carefully before deciding whether or not to pursue becoming a maintenance area.

### WEBSITE

Posted 5-11-06 memo to Board and 5-18-06 PowerPoint presentation	5-26-06
Posted questions and answers	6-19-06
Updated questions and answers with links to related information	6-21-06

**SUBMITTED COMMENTS TO EPA** 6-9-06

### NEXT STEPS

- Prepare staff recommendation
- Present staff recommendation to Air Quality Advisory Council
- Present staff recommendation to Air Pollution Control Board
- Update web page as needed