

PUBLIC NOTICE



KY DAQ Requests Comments on Proposed “RFG Opt-Out Request Including a Non-Interference Demonstration for the Kentucky Counties of Jefferson, Bullitt, and Oldham”

HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT

Public hearing: July 2, 2025, at 10 a.m. EDT (must be requested by June 25, 2025)

Send written comments to: Claire Oyler, Environmental Scientist III

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Comments due by: Sunday, July 6, 2025, at 5 p.m. EDT

The Kentucky Division for Air Quality (Division) invites the public to provide comments on the draft “RFG Opt-Out Request Including a Non-Interference Demonstration for the Kentucky Counties of Jefferson, Bullitt, and Oldham.”

Summary

The Division and the Louisville Metro Air Pollution Control District (District) are requesting to opt out of the Reformulated Gasoline (RFG) requirements for Jefferson, Bullitt, and Oldham counties under 40 CFR 1090.290 (d) due to non-interference on local air quality. This opt-out request allows the three identified Kentucky counties to use conventional gasoline rather than RFG, while maintaining compliance with the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). This proposed action by the Division and the District is consistent with EPA provisions allowing opt-outs for qualifying areas.

The proposed RFG opt-out request and non-interference demonstration shows:

- a) that no SIP revisions are necessary.
- b) the removal of RFG will not interfere with the Louisville, KY-IN area’s ability to maintain the 1979, 1997, 2008, or 2015 ozone NAAQS.
- c) there are no impacts to attaining or maintaining any criteria pollutant standards due to the removal of RFG by substituting quantifiable, permanent, surplus, enforceable, and contemporaneous measures described in the demonstration to achieve equivalent emissions reductions to offset potential emissions increases related to RFG removal.

Availability of Proposed Demonstration and Comment Opportunity

The Division is making this proposed RFG opt-out request and non-interference demonstration available for public inspection. The proposed request can be found at <https://eec.ky.gov/Environmental-Protection/Air/Pages/Public-Notices.aspx>. The public comment period will be open from May 30, 2025, through July 6, 2025. Comments should be sent to the contact person, via email or written mail, and must be received by July 6, 2025, to be considered part of the public record.

Registration for Public Hearing

The Division will conduct a virtual public hearing on July 2, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time). This hearing will be held to receive comments on the proposed RFG opt-out request and non-interference demonstration. This hearing is open to the public and all interested persons will be given the opportunity to present testimony. To assure that all comments are accurately recorded, the Division requests that oral comments presented at the hearing are also provided in written form, if possible. It is not necessary that the hearing be held or attended in order for persons to comment on the proposed RFG opt-out request and non-interference demonstration. If no request for a public hearing is received by June 25, 2025, the hearing will be cancelled, and notice of the cancellation will be posted at <https://eec.ky.gov/Environmental-Protection/Air/Pages/Public-Notices.aspx>.

Please note that registration is required to participate in this hearing. You must either email your name and mailing address to claire.oyler@ky.gov or send this information by mail to Claire Oyler, Division for Air Quality, 300 Sower Blvd., Frankfort, KY 40601. Please put "Registration for the Louisville Area RFG Opt-Out Public Hearing" as the subject line, and state in the body of the message if you plan to speak during the hearing.

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