

notification of pending service, when applicable.

(G) Proof that the Service member's entitlement to reemployment benefits has not been terminated because of the character of service as provided in section 4304 of USERRA.

(H) A statement that sufficient documentation verifying a particular period of service, does not exist, when appropriate.

(x) Establish a central point of contact (POC) at each Reserve Component headquarters or Reserve regional command and each National Guard State headquarters who can render assistance to:

(A) Members of the National Guard or Reserve about employment and reemployment rights, benefits, and obligations.

(B) Employers of National Guard and Reserve members about duty or training requirements arising from a member's uniformed service or service obligation.

(xi) Inform Reserve Component Service members of services provided by ESGR. ESGR's subject-matter expert POCs can render assistance with issues regarding employment and reemployment rights, benefits, and obligations under USERRA. More information about ESGR is contained in paragraph (c) of this section.

(b) *Employer information and assistance.* The Military Departments will:

(1) Provide verification of absence due to uniformed service to civilian employers upon request regardless of the duration of service-related absence.

(2) Provide verification of discharge status upon employer request.

(3) Designate Reserve Component representatives who must consider, and accommodate, requests from civilian employers of National Guard and Reserve members by adjusting Service member absences from civilian employment due to uniformed service, when such service has an adverse impact on the employer and does not conflict with military requirements. The designated representatives may make arrangements other than adjusting the period of absence to accommodate such requests when it serves the best interest of the military and is reasonable to do so.

(c) *Agencies providing USERRA assistance*—(1) *ESGR.* ESGR is a component of the DoDHRA, a DoD Field Activity under the authority, direction, and control of the USD(P&R).

(i) ESGR is the primary DoD office for all matters concerning employer support of the National Guard and Reserve, and serves as the lead proponent for USERRA matters within DoD.

(ii) ESGR informs Service members and their civilian employers regarding their rights and responsibilities governed by USERRA.

(iii) ESGR does not have enforcement authority for USERRA, but serves as a free resource for Service members and employers.

(iv) ESGR's trained ombudsmen provide neutral, informal alternative dispute mediation services between Service members and employers for issues relating to compliance with USERRA. Headquarters ESGR Ombudsman Services representatives can be contacted by calling 1-800-336-4590.

(v) ESGR's Web site (available at <http://www.esgr.mil>) provides local and State contact information. Additionally, the Web site provides links to multiple resources for both Service members and employers.

(2) *DOL-VETS.* (i) A person may file a complaint with the DOL-VETS or initiate private legal action, if alleging that an employer, including any Federal Executive Agency or the OPM, has failed or refused, or is about to fail or refuse, to comply with employment or reemployment rights and benefits under USERRA.

(ii) Using ESGR's mediation services is not a prerequisite for filing a complaint with DOL-VETS. The complaint may be filed in writing, or electronically. Instructions and the forms can be accessed at the DOL-VETS Web site (available at <http://www.dol.gov/elaws/vets/userra/1010.asp>).

(iii) The DOL-VETS investigates each complaint and, if it is determined that the allegation(s) occurred, makes reasonable efforts to ensure compliance. If these efforts are unsuccessful, DOL-VETS then will notify the complainant of the results and advise the complainant of his or her entitlement to pursue enforcement by requesting the complaint be referred to the Department of Justice (DOJ), if the complaint involves a state or private employer, or to the Office of Special Counsel (OSC), for complaints involving Federal Executive Agencies.

(3) *DOJ.* (i) DOJ is the agency under the Attorney General that enforces USERRA matters involving State and local government employers and private-sector employers. DOJ receives USERRA cases referred by DOL-VETS.

(ii) DOJ reviews USERRA cases to determine if representation is appropriate. In cases found to have merit, the Attorney General will commence court action on behalf of the Service member, to be prosecuted by DOJ attorneys.

(4) *OSC.* (i) OSC is an independent, Federal, investigative and prosecutorial agency. OSC's enforcement responsibilities apply in Federal sector USERRA cases. OSC receives USERRA Federal cases referred by DOL-VETS.

(ii) If, after reviewing the complaint and investigative file, OSC is reasonably satisfied that the claimant is entitled to relief under USERRA, OSC may act as attorney for the claimant and initiate an action before the Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB), also an independent, Federal agency, serving as the guardian of Federal merit systems. If OSC declines representation, the claimant may still file an appeal with the MSPB.

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Parts 52 and 81

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Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Ohio; Redesignation of the Bellefontaine Area to Attainment of the 2008 Lead Standard

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: On October 29, 2013, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) submitted a request for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to redesignate the Bellefontaine nonattainment area to attainment for the 2008 national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for lead. EPA is proposing to determine that the Bellefontaine area meets the requirements for redesignation and is also proposing to approve several additional related actions. EPA is proposing to approve, as revisions to the Ohio state implementation plan, the state's plan for maintaining the 2008 lead NAAQS through 2025 for the area. EPA is proposing to approve the 2010 emissions inventory for the Bellefontaine area, which meet the comprehensive emissions inventory requirement of the Act. EPA is proposing to approve these actions in accordance with the Clean Air Act and EPA's implementation regulations regarding the 2008 lead NAAQS.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 27, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R05-OAR-2013-0791, by one of the following methods:

1. *www.regulations.gov*: Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

2. *Email*: aburano.douglas@epa.gov.

3. *Fax*: (312) 408-2279.

4. *Mail*: Douglas Aburano, Chief, Attainment Planning and Maintenance Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604.

5. *Hand Delivery*: Douglas Aburano, Chief, Attainment Planning and Maintenance Section, Air Programs Branch (AR-18J), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Such deliveries are only accepted during the Regional Office normal hours of operation, and special arrangements should be made for deliveries of boxed

information. The Regional Office official hours of business are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding Federal holidays.

Please see the direct final rule which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register** for detailed instructions on how to submit comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the Final Rules section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is approving the State's SIP submittal as a direct final rule without prior proposal because the Agency views this as a noncontroversial submittal and anticipates no adverse comments. A detailed rationale for the approval is set forth in the direct final rule. If no adverse comments are

received in response to this rule, no further activity is contemplated. If EPA receives adverse comments, the direct final rule will be withdrawn and all public comments received will be addressed in a subsequent final rule based on this proposed rule. EPA will not institute a second comment period. Any parties interested in commenting on this action should do so at this time. Please note that if EPA receives adverse comment on an amendment, paragraph, or section of this rule and if that provision may be severed from the remainder of the rule, EPA may adopt as final those provisions of the rule that are not the subject of an adverse comment. For additional information, see the direct final rule which is located in the Rules section of this **Federal Register**.

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Regional Administrator, Region 5.

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