

**INFORMATION SHEET:
HEARING ON SO2 INFRASTRUCTURE SIP**

The Albuquerque Bernalillo County Air Quality Control Board (Air Board) is the federally delegated air quality authority for Albuquerque and Bernalillo County. Local delegation authorizes the Air Board to administer and enforce the Federal Clean Air Act and the New Mexico Air Quality Control Act, and to require local air pollution sources to comply with air quality standards and regulations.

At a hearing scheduled for April 30, 2015, the Air Board will address AQCB Petition No. 2015-1, to adopt a State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) to address Sections 110(a)(1) and (2) of the Federal Clean Air Act (CAA), 42 U.S.C. Sections 7410(a)(1) and (2) hereafter referred to as the "SO₂ Infrastructure SIP". Section 110(a)(1) of the CAA addresses the timing requirement for the submissions of any "Infrastructure SIP" revisions, while Section 110(a)(2) of the CAA lists the required elements that comprise the "Infrastructure SIP".

As grounds for this petition, the Petitioner (City of Albuquerque, Environmental Health Department) states the following:

On June 22, 2010, EPA Administrator, Lisa Jackson, promulgated a new National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for SO₂, effective August 23, 2010 [75 Fed. Reg. 35,520 (June 22, 2010)]. Pursuant to sections 110(a)(1) and 110(a)(2) of the CAA, each State is required to submit a plan to provide for the implementation, maintenance, and enforcement of a newly promulgated or revised NAAQS within three years of promulgation of a new or revised standard. Therefore, this plan or "Infrastructure SIP" addressing the requirements of Sections 110(a)(2)(A)--(M) of the CAA was due June 3, 2013. This "Infrastructure SIP" is a compilation of elements that demonstrates how Albuquerque-Bernalillo County will implement, maintain and enforce the revised SO₂ NAAQS, including: enforceable emission limitations and control measures, air quality monitoring and modeling, a permitting program, adequate funding and personnel, authority under state law to carry out the plan, emissions reporting, emergency powers, public participation, and fee collection.

Further details on the Infrastructure SIP process is available from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at: <http://www.epa.gov/oaqps001/urbanair/sipstatus/infrastructure.html>.