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Comments Sought on Changes to Air Quality Regulations Related to Open Burning

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Board of Health is accepting public comments until July 7 on proposed changes to County air quality regulations on open burning and will hold a hearing on the revisions on Tuesday, July 1, at 10:00 a.m., at the Clack Health Center, Building 7, 301 Thirty-Ninth Street, Lawrenceville.

The proposed changes clarify and codify existing policies regarding open burning and would allow the Health Department to more effectively address concerns about emissions and protect public health.

The revisions specify details related to various aspects of open burning: materials that may be burned; the size of burn piles; setback requirements; burning to provide warmth for outdoor workers; use of chimineas, firepits and outdoor fireplaces; and burning restrictions on Air Quality Action Days.

Testimony at the public hearing must be pre-scheduled by calling **412-578-8120**, no less than 24 hours in advance. Speakers are limited to five minutes and asked to submit a written copy of their testimony.

Those unable to present testimony at the hearing have until July 7 to submit comments via email, fax or mail to: agcomments@achd.net; **412-578-8144**; or Allegheny County Health Department, Air Quality Program, 301 Thirty-Ninth Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201-1891.

The proposed amendments are posted on the Health Department's web site, www.achd.net, and also available for public review Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the Allegheny County Health Department Document Control Room, Clack Health Center, Building 7; and 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Allegheny County Law Library, Room 921, City-County Building, Grant Street, Downtown Pittsburgh. A printed copy of the revisions can be requested and obtained via mail by calling **412-578-8120**.

The Board of Health will consider all public comments before finalizing and voting on the revisions. Once approved, the changes will be submitted as a revision to Allegheny County's portion of the Pennsylvania State Implementation Plan.

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