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Missoula City-County Air Pollution Control Board Hearing April 21, 2022

The Missoula City-County Air Pollution Control Board (Air Board) will hold a public hearing on proposed changes to the Missoula City-County Air Pollution Control Program on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at 12:15 p.m. or soon thereafter. The Air Board meets in the Sophie Moiese Room at the Missoula County Courthouse Annex, 200 W. Broadway. The Air Board will consider proposed changes to most chapters of the Program. Many proposed changes correct spelling errors, correct reference errors, make changes to align local program rules with state and federal rules, or are edits for clarification. Substantive changes include restricting recreational fires during air alerts (Chapter 4), allowing conditional outdoor burning permits in the Missoula Air Stagnation Zone with approved technology (Chapter 7), discontinuing the gasoline oxygenated fuel program in the event Missoula receives authorization to cease the program (Chapter 10), and specifying that a person has 15 days to request a hearing if they disagree with an administrative review decision (Chapter 14).

Proposed changes to Chapter 9 update the wood stove rules to align with national standards, add additional installation requirements to the Seeley Lake area, and require the removal of all wood stoves and wood stove inserts upon transfer of ownership in the Missoula Air Stagnation.

The Air Board will take public comments at the hearing before making a decision. Written comments must be submitted before noon on April 20, 2022, by mailing them to Air Comments, MCCHD, 301 W Alder St., Missoula, MT 59802 or emailing bschmidt@missoulacounty.us. Written and verbal comments will also be accepted at the hearing. For more information, a copy of the proposed rules or to sign up for the Interested Parties mailing list, visit www.missoulacounty.us/airquality or call 258-4755.