Asheville-Buncombe
Air Quality Agency

Memo

To: Air Quality Board

From: James Raiford

CC: Ashley Featherstone

Date: June 17, 2026

Re: Proposed Revisions to the Asheville-Buncombe Air Quality Agency Code

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A notice announcing the opportunity for public comment on the intent to revise the Asheville-Buncombe Air Quality Agency's Air Quality Code was published in the Asheville-Citizen Times on May 22, 2026 and placed on the agency website. No public comments have been received during the 30-day public comment period, which will end on June 21, 2026. If comments are received before this date, the Agency will inform the Board of those comments and make any changes to the rules if they are required. If the Agency receives a request for a public hearing, the hearing will take place on June 22, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. at 35 Woodfin Street, Asheville, NC 28801. The results from this hearing if it takes place will be relayed to the Board during the June 24, 2026 Board meeting.

Additionally, on May 22, 2026, the Agency submitted pre-hearing draft updates of the revisions to our rules to USEPA, Region IV via their State Planning Electronic Collaboration System (SPeCS) for SIPs interface as required. These updates were also provided to the North Carolina Division of Air Quality, and the Buncombe County Attorney's office for their review. The Agency is required to give EPA 30 days for review, but EPA may have further comments after the official review period is over. The Agency has a call scheduled with EPA on June 18, 2026 to discuss the proposed rules and will share any relevant information with the Board during the June 24, 2026 Board meeting.