



# Dallas-Fort Worth Nonattainment Area Air Quality Technical Information Meeting

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## **Listening Sessions and Docket for Pre-proposal Comments on Upcoming Oil and Natural Gas Methane Rule Proposal:**

For information on previous listening sessions in mid-June and submitting input to the docket visit <https://www.epa.gov/controlling-air-pollution-oil-and-natural-gas-industry/epa-announces-public-listening-sessions>.

EPA expects to post additional outreach opportunities to this website as they are scheduled.

## **Listening Sessions and Docket on Updates to the Risk Management Program Rule**

EPA is considering improvements to the RMP rule and is hosting two virtual public listening sessions:

- June 16, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. central time.
- July 8, 2021, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. central time.

Those interested in speaking can sign up for a 3-minute speaking slot. EPA also opened a docket open for people who wish to provide written comments until July 15, 2021. Written comments may be submitted independent of attendance or statements at either public listening session.

Information on the listening sessions and submitting written comments is available at:

<https://www.epa.gov/rmp/forms/virtual-public-listening-sessions-risk-management-program-rule>.

## **Reconsideration for the Fine Particulate Matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standard**

June 10th EPA announced that it is reconsidering the December 2020 decision to retain the PM<sub>2.5</sub> standard. Available scientific evidence and technical information indicate that the current standards may not be adequate to protect public health and welfare, as required by the Clean Air Act. EPA expects to issue a proposal for comment in Summer 2022 and finalize its decision in Spring 2023. More information is available at:

<https://www.epa.gov/naaqs/particulate-matter-pm-air-quality-standards>