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meeting. SWCAA also proposes to revise certain rules that support the plan and vote on these and other minor rule revisions at the same board meeting. A State Implementation Plan (SIP) hearing adopting the plan into the Washington State SIP will be held immediately following the board meeting.

The plan can be viewed online at www.swcleanair.org or at the Southwest Clean Air Agency office located at 11815 NE 99th Street, Suite 1294, Vancouver. The plan can also be viewed at Department of Ecology Headquarters, 300 Desmond Drive, Lacey; Vancouver Community Library, 1007 E. Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver; and the Department of Ecology's Vancouver Field Office at 2108 Grand Blvd., Vancouver.

Public comments on the Ozone Maintenance Plan can be sent to Laurie Hulse-Moyer, Air Quality Scientist, SWCAA, 11815 NE 99th Street, Suite 1294, Vancouver, WA 98682.

Comments can also be e-mailed to laurie@swcleanair.org or faxed to 360-576-0925. All public comments are due to the SWCAA office by 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 1, 2006, unless the comments are provided in-person at the Board of Directors meeting at 3:00 p.m. on Nov. 2, 2006.

Founded in 1968, the mission of the Southwest Clean Air Agency is to preserve and enhance the air quality in southwest Washington. Serving the counties of Clark, Cowlitz, Lewis, Skamania and Wahkiakum, SWCAA is responsible for protecting the public's health through the enforcement of federal, state and local air quality standards and regulations.

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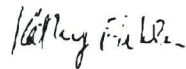
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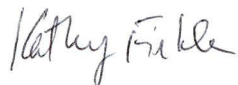
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