



The air inside the Senior Center was as uncertain as a Red Burn Day in the Salt Lake Valley as Bryce Bird, director of the Utah Division of Air Quality, fielded inquiries and concerns from area farmers, ranchers and citizens in relation to the PM2.5 non-attainment zone classification, emissions testing and wood burning stove restrictions in the works for Box Elder County.

The PM2.5 State Implementation Plan (SIP) development process is nearing completion. The public comment period for the PM2.5 SIP has begun and will run through October 30. The first public meeting to take comments will be held tomorrow, October 15.

The meeting was arranged by Representative Ronda Menlove. Also present were for part of the discussion were Representative Lee Perry and County Commissioner LuAnn Adams.

The county, excluding west of ATK and Howell and north of Nucor Steel, is facing a mandate by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to improve its air quality after being lumped into a non-attainment area that covers most of the Wasatch Front, Menlove told the group. The county, along with ATK and Tooele County, fought that designation in court, hoping to show the EPA that their decision was flawed.