

Fact Sheet — Final Area Designations for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone Established in 2015

ACTIONS

- On April 30, 2018, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) completed additional area designations for most of the remaining portions of the United States. EPA has designated areas as:
 - “nonattainment” – not meeting the standards (51 areas in 22 states and the District of Columbia and including two tribal areas designated separately from the surrounding states),
 - “unclassifiable” – available monitoring data is not sufficient to make a determination (1 area), or
 - “attainment/unclassifiable” - meeting the standard and not contributing to a violation of the standard (all remaining areas addressed in this final rule).

The table at the end of this fact sheet provides details for each area.

- This final rule does not designate eight counties in the San Antonio, Texas area. EPA will complete designations for these counties by July 17, 2018.
- The Clean Air Act directs that ozone nonattainment areas will be classified based on the severity of their air quality problem at the time of designation. Classifications range from “Marginal” to “Extreme.” As part of this action, each area is classified area based on air quality monitoring data. In addition, five areas in California are voluntarily designated to a higher classification.
- These final designations will take effect 60 days after the notice is published in the *Federal Register*.

Nonattainment Area Requirements

- The Clean Air Act requires air agencies to take steps to control ozone pollution in nonattainment areas. Those steps may include stricter controls on industrial facilities.
- State and local governments detail these steps in plans that demonstrate how they will meet the ozone standards. Those plans are known as state implementation plans (SIPs). Areas classified as Marginal are not required to submit plans demonstrating how they will meet the ozone standards. For all other nonattainment areas, states have three to four years after the effective date of final designations to develop and submit required SIP elements to EPA, depending on area classification.
- Once designated, nonattainment areas are subject to Nonattainment New Source Review requirements. New Source Review is a permitting program for industrial facilities to ensure that new and modified sources of pollution do not impede progress toward cleaner air.

- Nonattainment areas are required to meet the standard as quickly as possible, but no later than the maximum attainment date associated with each classification.
 - Marginal - 3 years from effective date of designation;
 - Moderate - 6 years from effective date of designation;
 - Serious - 9 years from effective date of designation;
 - Severe - 15 years (or 17 years) from effective date of designation; and
 - Extreme - 20 years from effective date of designation.
- EPA must determine whether the area has attained the standard by the applicable attainment date. If EPA determines that an area failed to meet the standard by the attainment date, EPA must reclassify the area to a higher classification. EPA must establish a date for the state to submit a new SIP demonstrating attainment by the attainment date for the new classification.

BACKGROUND

- The Clean Air Act requires EPA to issue designations after the agency sets a new National Ambient Air Quality Standard or revises an existing standard.
- On October 1, 2015, EPA strengthened the air quality standards for ozone by establishing a 8-hour standard at a level of 70 parts per billion. On November 6, 2017, EPA designated 85% of the counties in the U.S. as attainment/unclassifiable for the 2015 ozone standards.
- EPA will complete area designations for the San Antonio, Texas area by July 17, 2018.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- For more information on the designation process for the 2015 ozone standards go to EPA's Web site at: <https://www.epa.gov/ozone-designations>.

**Nonattainment and Unclassifiable Area Designations
for the 2015 Ozone Standards - April 30, 2018**

State or Tribe	Area Name	Counties or Areas of Indian Country (p) - partial	Designation	Classification
Arizona	Phoenix-Mesa, AZ	Gila(p) Maricopa (p) Pinal (p)	Nonattainment	Marginal
	Yuma, AZ	Yuma (p)	Nonattainment	Marginal
California	Amador County, CA	Amador	Nonattainment	Marginal
	Calaveras County, CA	Calaveras	Nonattainment	Marginal
	Chico (Butte County), CA	Butte	Nonattainment	Marginal
	Imperial County, CA	Imperial	Nonattainment	Marginal
	Kern County (Eastern Kern), CA	Kern (p)	Nonattainment	Moderate
	Los Angeles-San Bernardino Counties (West Mojave Desert), CA	Los Angeles (p) San Bernardino (p)	Nonattainment	Severe-15
	Los Angeles-South Coast Air Basin, CA	Los Angeles (p) Orange Riverside (p) San Bernardino (p)	Nonattainment	Extreme
	Mariposa County, CA	Mariposa	Nonattainment	Marginal
	Nevada County (Western part), CA	Nevada (p)	Nonattainment	Moderate
	Riverside County (Coachella Valley), CA	Riverside (p)	Nonattainment	Severe-15
	Sacramento Metro, CA	El Dorado (p) Placer (p) Sacramento Solano (p) Sutter (p) Yolo	Nonattainment	Moderate
	San Diego County, CA	San Diego	Nonattainment	Moderate
	San Francisco Bay Area, CA	Alameda Contra Costa Marin Napa San Francisco San Mateo Santa Clara Solano (p) Sonoma (p)	Nonattainment	Marginal

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	San Joaquin Valley, CA	Fresno Kern(p) Kings Madera Merced San Joaquin Stanislaus Tulare	Nonattainment	Extreme
	San Luis Obispo (Eastern part), CA	San Luis Obispo (p)	Nonattainment	Marginal
	Sutter Buttes, CA	Sutter (p)	Nonattainment	Marginal
	Tuolumne County, CA	Tuolumne	Nonattainment	Marginal
	Tuscan Buttes, CA	Tehama (p)	Nonattainment	Marginal
	Ventura County, CA	Ventura (p)	Nonattainment	Serious
Colorado	Denver Metro/North Front Range, CO	Adams Arapahoe Boulder Broomfield Denver Douglas Jefferson Larimer (p) Weld (p)	Nonattainment	Marginal
Connecticut	Greater Connecticut, CT	Hartford Litchfield New London Tolland Windham	Nonattainment	Marginal
	New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	Fairfield Middlesex New Haven	Nonattainment	Moderate
Delaware	Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-MD-DE	New Castle	Nonattainment	Marginal
District of Columbia	Washington, DC-MD-VA	District of Columbia	Nonattainment	Marginal
Florida	Jacksonville, FL	Duval	Unclassifiable	

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Georgia	Atlanta, GA	Bartow Clayton Cobb DeKalb Fulton Gwinnett Henry	Nonattainment	Marginal
Illinois	Chicago, IL-IN-WI	Cook DuPage Grundy (p) Kane Kendall (p) Lake Will	Nonattainment	Marginal
	St. Louis, MO-IL	Madison St. Clair	Nonattainment	Marginal
Indiana	Chicago, IL-IN-WI	Lake (p)	Nonattainment	Marginal
	Louisville, KY-IN	Clark Floyd	Nonattainment	Marginal
Kentucky	Louisville, KY-IN	Bullitt Jefferson Oldham	Nonattainment	Marginal
	Cincinnati, OH-KY	Boone (p) Campbell (p) Kenton (p)	Nonattainment	Marginal
Maryland	Baltimore, MD	Anne Arundel Baltimore Carroll Harford Howard City of Baltimore	Nonattainment	Marginal
	Washington, DC-MD-VA	Calvert Charles Frederick Montgomery Prince George's	Nonattainment	Marginal
	Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-MD-DE	Cecil	Nonattainment	Marginal
Michigan	Allegan, MI	Allegan (p)	Nonattainment	Marginal
	Berrien, MI	Berrien	Nonattainment	Marginal
	Detroit, MI	Livingston Macomb Monroe	Nonattainment	Marginal

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		Oakland St. Clair Washtenaw Wayne		
	Muskegon, MI	Muskegon (p)	Nonattainment	Marginal
Missouri	St. Louis, MO-IL	Franklin (p) St. Charles St. Louis City of St. Louis	Nonattainment	Marginal
Morongo Band of Mission Indians	Morongo Band of Mission Indians Area of Indian Country	Area of Indian Country	Nonattainment	Serious
Nevada	Las Vegas, NV	Clark (p)	Nonattainment	Marginal
New Jersey	New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	Bergen Essex Hudson Hunterdon Middlesex Monmouth Morris Passaic Somerset Sussex Union Warren	Nonattainment	Moderate
	Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-MD-DE	Atlantic Burlington Camden Cape May Cumberland Gloucester Mercer Ocean Salem	Nonattainment	Marginal
New Mexico	Doña Ana County (Sunland Park Area), NM	Doña Ana (p)	Nonattainment	Marginal

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New York	New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, NY-NJ-CT	Bronx Kings Nassau New York Queens Richmond Rockland Suffolk Westchester	Nonattainment	Moderate
Ohio	Cincinnati, OH-KY	Butler Clermont Hamilton Warren	Nonattainment	Marginal
	Cleveland, OH	Cuyahoga Geauga Lake Lorain Medina Portage Summit	Nonattainment	Marginal
	Columbus, OH	Delaware Fairfield Franklin Licking	Nonattainment	Marginal
Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians	Pechanga Band of Luiseno Mission Indians Area of Indian Country	Main body of the Pechanga Reservation and Pu'eska Mountain parcel	Nonattainment	Marginal
Pennsylvania	Philadelphia-Wilmington-Atlantic City, PA-NJ-MD-DE	Bucks Chester Delaware Montgomery Philadelphia	Nonattainment	Marginal
Texas	Dallas-Fort Worth, TX	Collin Dallas Denton Ellis Johnson Kaufman Parker Tarrant Wise	Nonattainment	Marginal

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	Houston-Galveston-Brazoria, TX	Brazoria Chambers Fort Bend Galveston Harris Montgomery	Nonattainment	Marginal
Utah	Northern Wasatch Front, UT	Salt Lake Davis Weber (p) Tooele (p)	Nonattainment	Marginal
	Southern Wasatch Front, UT	Utah (p)	Nonattainment	Marginal
	Uinta Basin	Duchesne (p) Uintah (p)	Nonattainment	Marginal
Virginia	Washington, DC-MD-VA	Arlington Fairfax Loudoun Prince William Alexandria City Fairfax City Falls Church City Manassas City Manassas Park City	Nonattainment	Marginal
Wisconsin	Chicago, IL-IN-WI	Kenosha (p)	Nonattainment	Marginal
	Door County, WI	Door (p)	Nonattainment	Marginal
	Manitowoc County, WI	Manitowoc (p)	Nonattainment	Marginal
	Sheboygan County, WI	Sheboygan (p)	Nonattainment	Marginal
	Northern Milwaukee/Ozaukee Shoreline, WI	Milwaukee (p) Ozaukee (p)	Nonattainment	Marginal