



Ozone Advance Guidance Updates

Webinar for Advance Participants
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Overview

- One change
- Several updates
- Several clarifications



Change to Eligibility Criteria

Enable areas that are still designated nonattainment for a revoked ozone NAAQS to join Ozone Advance if they are not designated nonattainment for subsequent, non-revoked ozone NAAQS.

See pages 4, 6, 7 of markup.

Updates

1. Updates to focus the program on maintenance of the new 2015 ozone NAAQS.
2. Updates to indicate the 2015 ozone NAAQS implementation rule dates.
3. Updates to reflect the fact that we now have a related PM Advance program.
4. Removed language about the former Ozone Flex program.

Updates, continued

5. Removed language about the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) 2012 grants competition.
6. Updates to the sample timeline to show tentative 2015 NAAQS implementation dates.
7. Updates to reflect that the nonroad and onroad models have been incorporated together in the current Motor Vehicle Emissions Simulator (MOVES) emissions model.

Updates, continued

8. Updates to the EPA Regional Office contacts list.
9. Updates to the program web address and other web addresses.
10. Updates to indicate the expected release date for the initial and final version of the 2014 National Emissions Inventory (NEI).
11. Remove Attachment C list of resources.

Clarifications

1. Marginal areas can continue to participate if they join the program prior to their nonattainment designation, and would drop out if/when they are reclassified to Moderate or a higher classification.
2. Compliance with existing emissions inventory requirements is needed in order to join and continue participating.

Clarifications, continued

3. The Clean Air Act distinguishes between initial designations under a new or revised standard vs. redesignations under an existing standard.

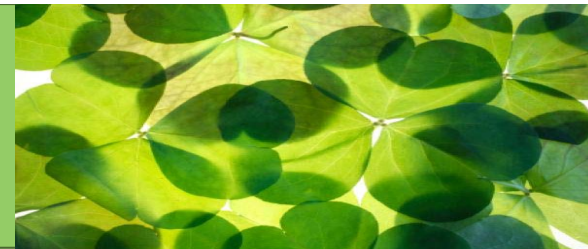
4. Advance does not create or avoid any regulatory requirements.

5. There is no “required” format for sign-up letters or paths forward, but examples exist.

Clarifications, continued

6. Advance emphasizes action over planning; it is important to plan for no more than a year after joining, but then to shift into taking the planned actions as soon as possible, with periodic check-ins to update the plan as needed.
7. Removed the distinction between a “path forward” and an “action plan.”
8. Provided more examples of information that areas should consider including, beyond the necessary list of measures/programs and schedule.

Next Steps



- Send any comments to advance@epa.gov by April 1.
- Advance website conversion expected by end of March. www.epa.gov/advance
- Final guidance will likely be posted in April.
- PM Advance guidance revisions?

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