

Summary Of Air Quality Status By Caltrans District, MPO And RTPA

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Pollutants covered are: carbon monoxide (CO); ozone (1-hour and 8-hour State, 8-hour Federal); particulate matter – PM10 (24-hour and annual); particulate matter – PM2.5 (annual State, 24-hour and annual Federal); nitrogen dioxide (NO₂, Federal annual only); and hydrogen sulfide (H₂S; State only). The entire State currently attains or is unclassified for all other State and Federal criteria pollutants (lead, SO₂, etc.) except: the Searles Valley portion of San Bernardino County (Trona area) is nonattainment for the State sulfate standard. Several recent or pending Federal actions may change current standards or add new ones; see [Notes](#).

“Attainment/Unclassified” status indicates that the area has never been designated nonattainment for a currently-applicable air quality standard, or that the “Maintenance” period after redesignation to Attainment from Nonattainment has expired. Areas that were “Maintenance” for the Federal 1-hour ozone standard (revoked effective 6/15/2005) and did not violate the 8-hour ozone standard at that time, became “Attainment/Unclassified” for the current (1997) Federal 8-hour standard; “Maintenance” requirements no longer apply for transportation conformity purposes but to the extent they are in the previously approved SIP or air district rules they still apply to project construction and facility operation.

Only Nonattainment or Maintenance status is listed. The area is Attainment/Unclassified for all pollutants other than those listed. If an area is Attainment/Unclassified for **ALL** Federal standards, that is noted. Area classification within “nonattainment” is not provided in this summary, but may be important for determining the level of analysis required especially for ozone.

The Federal “Conformity” process for transportation projects, for MPO-prepared Regional Transportation Plans, and for the FSTIP, applies in areas that are designated Nonattainment or Maintenance for a Federal Criteria Pollutant. “CMAQ” project funding is normally available only in nonattainment or maintenance areas for ozone or CO.

Some areas may be noted as being in “lockdown,” or possibly “freeze” or “lapse” status. These terms have the following general meanings:

- **“Lockdown:”** the area has a valid regional conformity determination, but due (usually) to emission model changes since that determination was done cannot make regionally significant changes to the RTP and TIP. This usually occurs when EMFAC is updated and emission calculations based on the new version are higher than they would be with the old version, making it impossible to comply with older emission budgets. Lockdowns are usually ended by EPA adequacy findings on new SIP emission budgets.
- **“Freeze:”** functionally similar to “lockdown” but caused by a SIP disapproval under certain circumstances by U.S. EPA. Rare, but did occur in the Bay Area at one time.
- **“Lapse:”** the area does not have a valid regional conformity determination. In some cases, a “TIP Lapse” (informal term) may occur which is not directly conformity related but has the same effect. “Lapse” may effectively be “lockdown” if an area is within the 1-year grace period allowed for some conformity lapses. A full Lapse, either immediate or after expiration of the grace period, prohibits approval, including Federal funding approval for project phases, of regionally significant highway and transit projects regardless of funding. Only projects that are exempt from conformity requirements or “TCMs”, if identified in an “Interim TIP”, can proceed during a Lapse.

Areas that are subject to Federal transportation conformity requirements are **shaded** and marked with an asterisk (*). Links are provided to MPO, RTPA, and air district web sites where known. In some cases conformity or nonattainment designations may apply only in parts of a county.

There is no State analog for the Conformity process related to criteria pollutant standards. State standards are normally addressed as part of the CEQA document prepared for a Regional Transportation Plan or project. Conformity-like planning requirements related to climate change (greenhouse gases) under State law may apply in MPOs, but are not related to attainment or nonattainment standards for criteria pollutants.

Mandatory (maximum) update cycles under Federal law (SAFETEA-LU) are:

- MPO RTPs in conformity areas: 4 years
- MPO RTPs in attainment/unclassified areas: 5 years
- FSTIP (Statewide TIP): 4 years
- Rural RTPs: 5 years

Abbreviations used:

CT – Caltrans

MPO – Metropolitan Planning Organization

ARB – California Air Resources Board

FHWA – Federal Highway Administration

FTA – Federal Transit Administration

RTPA – Regional Transportation Planning Agency (including LTCs and COGs as applicable)

LTC – Local Transportation Commission

COG – Council of Governments

SIP – State Implementation Plan

Att – Attainment

Nonatt – Nonattainment, or Nonattainment-Transitional (State ozone standard)

Mtc – Maintenance

PSD – Prevention of Significant Deterioration

PM10 – Particulate Matter \leq 10 micrometers

PM2.5 – Particulate Matter \leq 2.5 micrometers

CO – carbon monoxide

NO2 – nitrogen dioxide

TCM – Transportation Control Measure(s) from a EPA-approved SIP

EPA – U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

RTP – Regional Transportation Plan. Same as the “MTP” in some areas.

TIP – Transportation Improvement Program

FSTIP – Federally-approved State Transportation Improvement Program (“the TIP”)

CMAQ – Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality project funding program

Sources:

[California ARB Area Designations web site](#)

[U.S. EPA Green Book](#), [Conformity](#), [PM Designations](#), and [Region 9 Air Federal Register](#)

[ARB Air Quality Data web site](#)

Caltrans [DOTP-ORIP web site](#)

Caltrans District	MPO	RTPA	State		Federal	Last Full Conformity Determination		SIP Status (effective date of current emission budgets)
			Air Basin ‡	Attainment Status	Attainment Status	RTP	FSTIP	
1	(none)	Del Norte	North Coast	Nonatt: PM10	Attainment/Unclassified	n/a	n/a	n/a
1	(none)	Humboldt	North Coast	Nonatt: PM10	Attainment/Unclassified	n/a	n/a	n/a
1	(none)	Mendocino	North Coast	Nonatt: PM10	Attainment/Unclassified	n/a	n/a	n/a
1	(none)	Lake	Lake Co.	Attainment/Unclassified	Attainment/Unclassified	n/a	n/a	n/a
2	(none)	Trinity	North Coast	Nonatt: PM10	Attainment/Unclassified #	n/a	n/a	n/a
2	(none)	Siskiyou	Northeast Plateau	Nonatt: Ozone	Attainment/Unclassified #	n/a	n/a	n/a
2	(none)	Modoc	Northeast Plateau	Nonatt: PM10	Attainment/Unclassified #	n/a	n/a	n/a
2	(none)	Lassen	Northeast Plateau	Nonatt: PM10	Attainment/Unclassified #	n/a	n/a	n/a
2	Shasta	Shasta	Sacramento Valley	Nonatt: PM10, Ozone	Attainment/Unclassified §	n/a	n/a	n/a
2	(none)	Tehama	Sacramento Valley	Nonatt: PM10, Ozone	Attainment/Unclassified #	n/a	n/a	n/a
2	(none)	Plumas	Mountain Counties	Nonatt: PM10; PM2.5 (Portola Valley area)	Attainment/Unclassified §	n/a	n/a	n/a
3	(none)	Colusa	Sacramento Valley ‡	Nonatt: PM10, Ozone	Attainment/Unclassified	n/a	n/a	n/a
3	(none)	Glenn	Sacramento Valley	Nonatt: PM10, Ozone	Attainment/Unclassified	n/a	n/a	n/a

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3	(none)	Sierra	Mountain Counties	Nonatt: PM10	Attainment/Unclassified #	n/a	n/a	n/a
3 *	(none)	Nevada	Mountain Counties	Nonatt: PM10, Ozone	Nonatt: Ozone (western portion only)	n/a	11/17/2008	8hO3 SIP pending
3 *	Tahoe	Placer & El Dorado	Lake Tahoe (Placer, El Dorado; Nevada DEP- BAPC, Washoe Co. NV)	Nonatt: PM10	Mtc: CO	1/26/2009	1/26/2009	CO 2 nd Mtc SIP 1/30/2006 Nevada side: CO Limited Mtc SIP 2/13/2004
3 *	Butte	Butte	Sacramento Valley	Nonatt: PM10, PM2.5, Ozone	Mtc: CO; Nonatt: Ozone, PM2.5 (west part) #	1/29/2009 PM2.5 (2006) Conformity due 12/14/2010	1/29/09	CO 2 nd Mtc SIP 1/30/2006 No 1hO3 SIP 8hO3, PM2.5 SIPs pending
3 *	SACOG	Placer	Mtn. Counties, Sacramento Valley	Nonatt: PM10, Ozone; PM2.5 (Sac. Valley portion)	Mtc: CO (Roseville area); Nonatt: Ozone, PM2.5 (west part)	5/16/2008 PM2.5 (2006) Conformity due 12/14/2010	11/17/2008	CO 2 nd Mtc SIP 1/30/2006 8hO3 RFP budgets adequate 8/12/2009 8hO3 attainment budgets inadequate 8/12/2009 PM2.5 SIP pending

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3 *	SACOG	El Dorado	Mtn. Counties, Sacramento Valley	Nonatt: PM10, Ozone	Nonatt: Ozone, PM2.5 (west part)	5/16/2008 PM2.5 (2006) Conformity due 12/14/2010	11/17/2008	8hO3 RFP budgets adequate 8/12/2009 8hO3 attainment budgets inadequate 8/12/2009 PM2.5 SIP pending
3 *	SACOG	SACOG (Yuba Co., Sutter Co.)	Sacramento Valley	Nonatt: PM10, Ozone	Nonatt: PM2.5 (Sutter & W. Yuba Co.) #	5/16/2008 PM2.5 (2006) Conformity due 12/14/2010	11/17/2008	PM2.5 SIP pending
3 *	SACOG	SACOG (Sutter Buttes)	Sacramento Valley	Nonatt: Ozone	Nonatt: Ozone	5/16/2008	11/17/2008	No budgets needed – B=NB and no projects
3 *	SACOG	SACOG (S. part of Sutter Co.)	Sacramento Valley	Nonatt: Ozone	Nonatt: Ozone (southern tip, in Sacramento Metropolitan nonattainment area)	5/16/2008	11/17/2008	8hO3 RFP budgets adequate 8/12/2009 8hO3 attainment budgets inadequate 8/12/2009

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3 *	SACOG	SACOG (Sacramento Co.)	Sacramento Valley	Nonatt: PM10, PM2.5, Ozone	Mtc: CO (Sacramento urbanized area only); Nonatt: Ozone, PM10, PM2.5	5/16/2008 PM2.5 (2006) Conformity due 12/14/2010	11/17/2008	CO 2 nd Mtc SIP 1/30/2006 PM10 Submitted 1995; no action or budgets 8hO3 RFP budgets adequate 8/12/2009 8hO3 attainment budgets inadequate 8/12/2009 PM2.5 SIP pending
3 *	SACOG	SACOG (Yolo Co.)	Sacramento Valley	Nonatt: PM10, Ozone	Mtc: CO (West Sacramento only); Nonatt: Ozone, PM2.5 (eastern part)	5/16/2008 PM2.5 (2006) Conformity due 12/14/2010	11/17/2008	CO 2 nd Mtc SIP 1/30/2006 8hO3 RFP budgets adequate 8/12/2009 8hO3 attainment budgets inadequate 8/12/2009 PM2.5 SIP pending
4	MTC	MTC (N. Sonoma County)	North Coast	Nonatt: Ozone	Attainment/ Unclassified	n/a	n/a	n/a

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4 *	MTC	MTC	Bay Area	Nonatt: PM10, PM2.5, Ozone	Mtc: CO; Nonatt: Ozone, PM2.5	6/14/2007 PM2.5 (2006) Conformity due 12/14/2010	11/17/08	CO 2 nd Mtc SIP 1/30/2006 1hO3 budgets adequate 3/8/2002 No 8hO3 SIP (marginal area) PM2.5 SIP pending
4 *	MTC	MTC (E. Solano Co.)	Sacramento Valley	Nonatt: PM10, PM2.5, Ozone	Nonatt: Ozone, PM2.5	5/16/2008 PM2.5 (2006) Conformity due 12/14/2010	11/17/2008	8hO3 RFP budgets adequate 8/12/2009 8hO3 attainment budgets inadequate 8/12/2009 PM2.5 SIP pending
5	AMBAG	TAMC, Santa Cruz, San Benito	North Central Coast	Nonatt: PM10, Ozone	Attainment/ Unclassified	n/a	n/a	n/a
5	SLO	SLO	South Central Coast	Nonatt: PM10, Ozone	Attainment/ Unclassified	n/a	n/a	n/a
5	Santa Barbara	Santa Barbara	South Central Coast	Nonatt: PM10, Ozone	Attainment/ Unclassified	n/a	n/a	n/a

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6 *	Madera	Madera	San Joaquin Valley	Nonatt: PM10, PM2.5, Ozone	Mtc: PM10 Nonatt: PM2.5, Ozone	6/29/2007 PM2.5 (2006) Conformity due 12/14/2010	2/2009	CO 2 nd Mtc SIP 1/30/2006 PM10 Mtc.SIP 11/12/2008 1hO3 adequacy 3/2/2005 8hO3 adequacy 2/6/2009 PM2.5 (1997) adequacy pending PM2.5 (2006) SIP pending
6 *	Fresno	Fresno	San Joaquin Valley	Nonatt: PM10, PM2.5, Ozone	Mtc: CO; PM10 Nonatt: PM10, PM2.5, Ozone	6/29/2007 PM2.5 (2006) Conformity due 12/14/2010	2/2009	CO 2 nd Mtc SIP 1/30/2006 PM10 Mtc.SIP 11/12/2008 1hO3 adequacy 3/2/2005 8hO3 adequacy 2/6/2009 PM2.5 adequacy pending PM2.5 (2006) SIP pending

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6 *	Kings	Kings	San Joaquin Valley	Nonatt: PM10, PM2.5, Ozone	Mtc: PM10 Nonatt: PM2.5, Ozone	6/29/2007 PM2.5 (2006) Conformity due 12/14/2010	2/2009	CO 2 nd Mtc SIP 1/30/2006 PM10 Mtc.SIP 11/12/2008 1hO3 adequacy 3/2/2005 8hO3 adequacy 2/6/2009 PM2.5 adequacy pending PM2.5 (2006) SIP pending
6 *	Tulare	Tulare	San Joaquin Valley	Nonatt: PM10, PM2.5, Ozone	Mtc: PM10 Nonatt: PM2.5, Ozone	6/29/2007 PM2.5 (2006) Conformity due 12/14/2010	2/2009	CO 2 nd Mtc SIP 1/30/2006 PM10 Mtc.SIP 11/12/2008 1hO3 adequacy 3/2/2005 8hO3 adequacy 2/6/2009 PM2.5 adequacy pending PM2.5 (2006) SIP pending

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6 *	Kern	Kern	San Joaquin Valley portion	Nonatt: PM10, PM2.5, Ozone	Mtc: CO; PM10 Nonatt: PM2.5, Ozone	6/29/2007 PM2.5 (2006) Conformity due 12/14/2010	2/2009	CO 2 nd Mtc SIP 1/30/2006 PM10 Mtc.SIP 11/12/2008 1hO3 adequacy 3/2/2005 8hO3 adequacy 2/6/2009 PM2.5 adequacy pending PM2.5 (2006) SIP pending
6 *	Kern	Kern	E. Kern Co. portion	Nonatt: PM10, PM2.5, Ozone	Mtc: PM10 (Indian Wells Valley area) Nonatt: Ozone (except Indian Wells Valley); PM10 (Lake Isabella area)	6/29/2007	11/17/2008	Indian Wells Valley PM10 Mtc SIP 5/7/2003 1hO3 Mtc SIP 6/21/2004 8hO3 adequacy 10/10/2008 Lake Isabella PM10 classification & SIP pending monitoring data
7 *	SCAG	SCAG (Ventura Co.)	South Central Coast	Nonatt: PM10, PM2.5, Ozone	Nonatt: Ozone	11/17/2008	11/17/2008	8hO3 budgets adequate 5/20/2008

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7 *	SCAG	SCAG (LA Co.)	South Coast,	Nonatt: PM10, PM2.5, Ozone	Mtc: NO2, CO; Nonatt: PM10, PM2.5, Ozone, Lead	11/17/2008 PM2.5 (2006) Conformity due 12/14/2010	11/17/2008	CO Mtc SIP 6/11/2007 PM10 SIP 12/14/2005 NO2 Mtc SIP adequacy 4/9/2004, 1/4/2010 O3 adequacy “Baseline” only 5/30/2008 PM2.5 (1997) adequacy “Baseline only” 5/30/2008 PM2.5 (2006) SIP pending
7 *	SCAG	SCAG (LA Co.)	Mojave Desert	Nonatt: PM10, Ozone	Nonatt: Ozone	11/17/2008	11/17/2008	8hO3 budgets adequate 5/20/08

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8 *	SCAG	SCAG (San Bernardino Co.)	South Coast	Nonatt: PM10, PM2.5, Ozone	Mtc: NO2; Nonatt: CO, PM10, PM2.5, Ozone	11/17/2008 PM2.5 (2006) Conformity due 12/14/2010	11/17/2008	CO Mtc SIP 6/11/2007 PM10 SIP 12/14/2005 NO2 Mtc SIP adequacy 4/9/2004, 1/4/2010 O3 adequacy “Baseline” only 5/30/2008 PM2.5 (1997) adequacy “Baseline only” 5/30/2008 PM2.5 (2006) SIP pending
8 *	SCAG	SCAG (San Bernardino Co.)	Mojave Desert	Nonatt: PM10, Ozone; PM2.5 (SE Desert area); H2S (Trona area)	Nonatt: PM10 throughout, Ozone in SE Desert area Ozone nonatt likely (2011) in Trona area	11/17/2008	11/17/2008	PM10 submitted 1995, inadequate 1/4/2000, no budgets 8hO3 budgets adequate 5/20/2008

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8 *	SCAG	SCAG (Riverside Co.)	South Coast	Nonatt: PM10, PM2.5, Ozone	Mtc: NO2; Nonatt: CO, PM10, PM2.5, Ozone	11/17/2008 PM2.5 (2006) Conformity due 12/14/2010	11/17/2008	CO Mtc SIP 6/11/2007 PM10 SIP 12/14/2005 NO2 Mtc SIP adequacy 4/9/2004, 1/4/2010 O3 adequacy "Baseline" only 5/30/2008 PM2.5 (1997) adequacy "Baseline only" 5/30/2008 PM2.5 (2006) SIP pending
8 *	SCAG	SCAG (Riverside Co.)	Salton Sea (Coachella Valley)	Nonatt: PM10, Ozone	Nonatt: PM10, Ozone	11/17/2008	11/17/2008	PM10 budgets adequate 4/9/2004 8hO3 budgets adequate 5/22/2008
8	SCAG	SCAG (Eastern Riverside Co.)	Mojave Desert	Nonatt: PM10, Ozone	Attainment/ Unclassified	n/a	n/a	n/a

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9 *	(none)	Inyo	Great Basin	Nonatt: PM10, Ozone	Nonatt: PM10 (Owens Valley, Coso Jct areas only)	n/a	11/17/2008	Owens Vly: 2008 SIP submittal has no motor vehicle emission budgets Coso: PM10 SIP submitted 1995, inadequate 1/4/2000, no budgets
9 *	(none)	Mono	Great Basin	Nonatt: PM10, Ozone	Nonatt: PM10 (Mammoth, Mono Lake areas only)	n/a	11/17/2008	Mono: PM10 SIP submitted 1995, inadequate 1/4/2000, no budgets Mammoth: 1991 SIP has no emission budgets. Has VMT cap.
10	(none)	Alpine	Great Basin	Nonatt: PM10	Attainment/Unclassified	n/a	n/a	n/a
10 *	(none)	Amador	Mountain Counties	Nonatt: Ozone; H2S (City of Sutter Creek)	Nonatt: Ozone	n/a	11/17/2008	8hO3 SIP pending
10 *	(none)	Calaveras	Mountain Counties	Nonatt: PM10, Ozone	Nonatt: Ozone	n/a	11/17/2008	8hO3 SIP pending
10 *	(none)	Tuolumne	Mountain Counties	Nonatt: Ozone	Nonatt: Ozone	n/a	11/17/2008	8hO3 SIP pending

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10 *	(none)	Mariposa	Mountain Counties	Nonatt: PM10 (Yosemite); Ozone	Nonatt: Ozone	n/a	11/17/2008	8hO3 SIP pending
10 *	Merced	Merced	San Joaquin Valley	Nonatt: PM10, PM2.5, Ozone	Mtc: PM10 Nonatt: PM2.5, Ozone	6/29/2007 PM2.5 (2006) Conformity due 12/14/2010	2/2009	CO 2 nd Mtc SIP 1/30/2006 PM10 Mtc.SIP 11/12/2008 1hO3 adequacy 3/2/2005 8hO3 adequacy 2/6/2009 PM2.5 (1997) adequacy pending PM2.5 (2006) SIP pending

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10 *	StanCOG	Stanislaus	San Joaquin Valley	Nonatt: PM10, PM2.5, Ozone	Mtc: CO; PM10 Nonatt: PM2.5, Ozone	6/29/2007 PM2.5 (2006) Conformity due 12/14/2010	2/2009	CO 2 nd Mtc SIP 1/30/2006 PM10 Mtc.SIP 11/12/2008 1hO3 adequacy 3/2/2005 8hO3 adequacy 2/6/2009 PM2.5 (1997) adequacy pending PM2.5 (2006) SIP pending
10 *	San Joaquin	San Joaquin	San Joaquin Valley	Nonatt: PM10, PM2.5, Ozone	Mtc: CO; PM10 Nonatt: PM2.5, Ozone	6/29/2007 PM2.5 (2006) Conformity due 12/14/2010	2/2009	CO 2 nd Mtc SIP 1/30/2006 PM10 Mtc.SIP 11/12/2008 1hO3 adequacy 3/2/2005 8hO3 adequacy 2/6/2009 PM2.5 (1997) adequacy pending PM2.5 (2006) SIP pending

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11 *	SCAG	SCAG (Imperial Co.)	Salton Sea	Nonatt: PM10, Ozone, PM2.5 (City of Calexico)	Nonatt: PM10 (Imperial Valley area), Ozone, PM2.5 (Calexico area)	11/17/2008 PM2.5 (2006) Conformity due 12/14/2010	11/17/2008	8hO3 budgets adequate 5/20/08 PM10 budgets pending PM2.5 (2006) SIP pending
11 *	SANDAG	SANDAG	San Diego	Nonatt: PM10, PM2.5, Ozone	Mtc: CO Nonatt: Ozone	12/10/2007	11/17/2008	CO Mtc SIP 1/30/2006 8hO3 budgets adequate 6/9/2008
12 *	SCAG	SCAG (Orange Co.)	South Coast	Nonatt: PM10, PM2.5, Ozone	Mtc: NO2; Nonatt: CO, PM10, PM2.5, Ozone	11/17/2008 PM2.5 (2006) Conformity due 12/14/2010	11/17/2008	CO Mtc SIP 6/11/2007 PM10 SIP 12/14/2005 NO2 Mtc SIP adequacy 4/9/2004, 1/4/2010 O3 adequacy "Baseline" only 5/30/2008 PM2.5 (1997) adequacy "Baseline only" 5/30/2008

NOTES:

- † Links are to air pollution control/air quality management districts for each area.
- ‡ Link may be blocked by Websense.
- \$ Monitors show 2006 PM2.5 nonattainment for 2006-2008. Designation deferred for further study when initial designations were done in 2009.
- # Potentially contributing to deferred PM2.5 nonattainment counties according to EPA 2009 initial designation discussion; all or part may be included in a future PM2.5 nonattainment area.

Final NO2 1-hour standard was published in the [2/9/2010 Federal Register](#). Initial nonattainment designations in 2012 will be based on existing monitors. Additional areas may be designated in the future after hot-spot monitors are installed (rule requires a hot-spot monitoring system by 2013) and deliver acceptable data (2015). If nonattainment areas in California are designated in 2012, conformity will apply starting in 2013.

EPA began reconsideration of the 2008 ozone standard (75 ppb/8 hours, 4th highest in 3 years) in January 2010. Depending on how the standard changes after reconsideration, additional areas may become nonattainment. Until reconsideration is complete, it is not possible to say precisely which areas will be added or what the area boundaries (to the extent they differ from county boundaries) will be. Reconsideration is supposed to be complete in late 2010 with area designations to occur in 2011; therefore, conformity will apply based on the new standard in 2012.

EPA proposed a new 1-hour SO2 standard in 2008. Depending on what level the standard is finalized at, some heavily industrialized areas, or areas near major ports and freight traffic facilities, may be nonattainment. If the standard is finalized in 2010, initial area designations would occur in 2012 and conformity would apply in 2013.

ARB recommended the LA Co. portion of the South Coast area for nonattainment designation for the 2008 Lead standard in 2009. Conformity implications of designation are not yet clear. Recommendation was based primarily on violations at a monitor near a major industrial lead processing site. Final area designation is expected in 2010; conformity requirements would start, if applicable, in 2011.