

# Status Update for Ozone Monitoring Rule

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# Potential Changes

- Add monitors in smaller Metropolitan Statistical Areas (cities) of between 50,000 and 350,000 population that do not currently have monitors. Approximately 105 MSAs could be affected.
- Add monitors in non-urban areas to address network gaps in key areas with O<sub>3</sub>-sensitive natural vegetation, such as National Parks and wilderness areas, and to assess extent of potentially high ambient levels in smaller communities outside of traditionally monitored urban areas. Approximately three additional monitors per State could be required.
- Lengthen the required O<sub>3</sub> monitoring season to capture relevant measurements in calculating the revised NAAQS and the Air Quality Index. Approximately 30 States could have longer seasons. The NCore O<sub>3</sub> season would become year-round.

# Potential Timeline

- OAQPS just received approval to move the proposal forward to OMB.
- We expect the proposal to be published in early 2009.
- EPA's goal is a final rule by the end of 2009.
- New monitors will not be required to be deployed before 2011 at the earliest.
- We are proposing that the new O<sub>3</sub> season become effective in 2010.

# Questions?

- Call or email Lew!