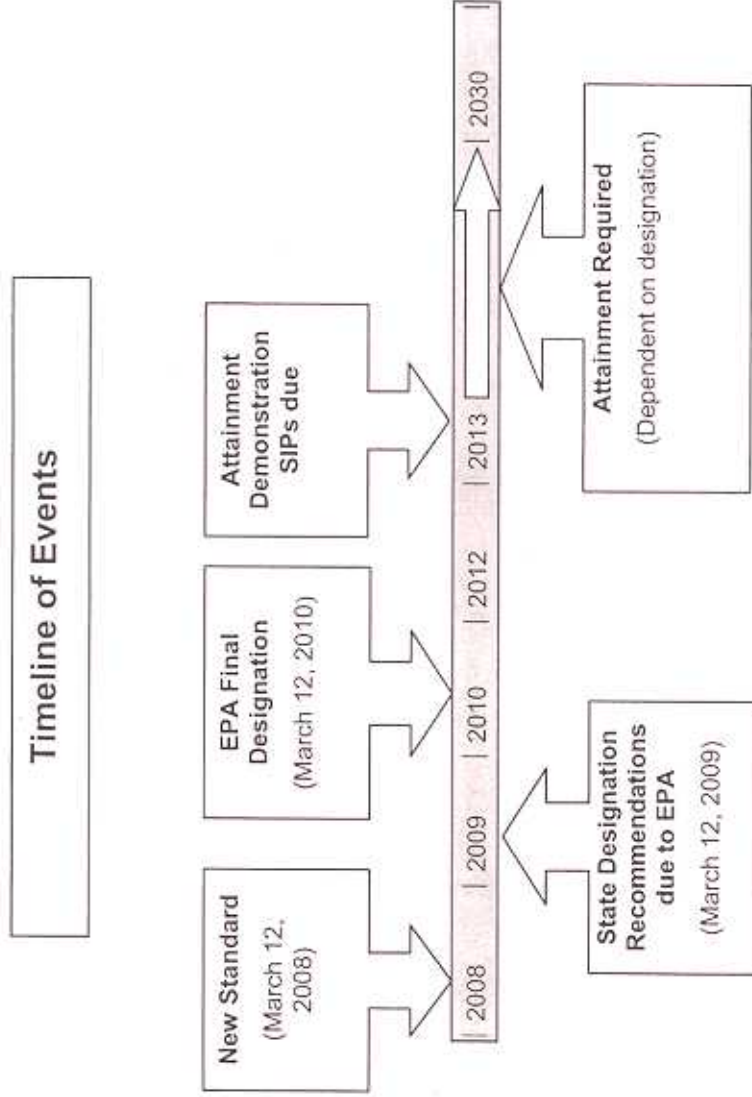


# 2008 Ozone Standard



## Details

- 2008 - On March 12, 2008, EPA significantly strengthened its national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for ground-level ozone, the primary component of smog. These changes will improve both public health protection and the protection of sensitive trees and plants.
- 2009 - States must make recommendations to EPA no later than March 2009 for areas to be designated attainment, nonattainment and unclassifiable.
- 2010 - EPA will issue final designations of attainment, nonattainment and unclassifiable areas no later than March 2010 unless there is insufficient information to make these designation decisions. In that case, EPA will issue designations no later than March 2011.
- 2013 - States must submit State Implementation Plans outlining how they will reduce pollution to meet the standards by a date that EPA will establish in a separate rule. That date will be no later than three years after EPA's final designations. If EPA issues designations in 2010, then these plans would be due no later than 2013.
- 2013 - 2030 - States are required to meet the standards by deadlines that may vary based on the severity of the problem in the area.

Source: EPA,

[http://www.epa.gov/air/ozonepollution/pdfs/2008\\_03\\_factsheet.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/air/ozonepollution/pdfs/2008_03_factsheet.pdf), *Fact Sheet Final Revisions to the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone*