



# EPA Conformity Guidance for the 8-Hour Ozone Standard

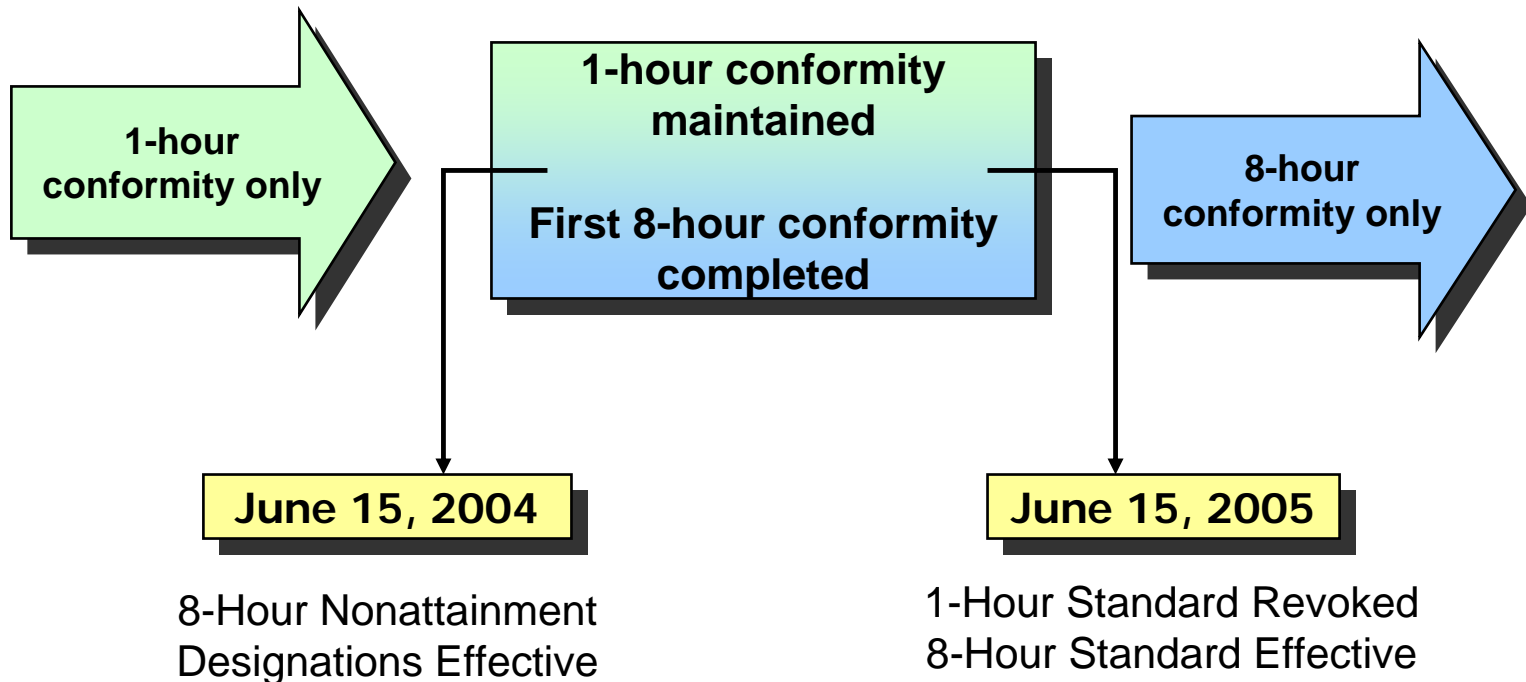
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# Overview

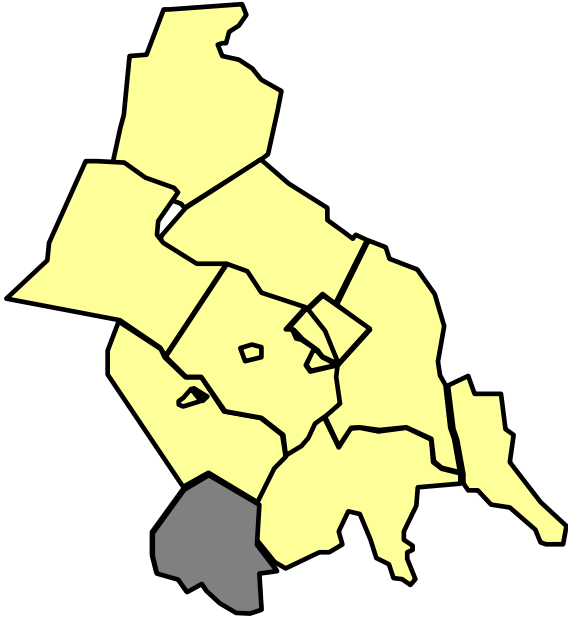
- Timeline for 8-Hour Ozone Conformity
- Interim Tests
- Establishing an 8-Hour Budget
- PM 2.5 Conformity
- Other Important Aspects of the Rule

# 8-Hour Conformity by June 2005



Use an “interim emissions test” to demonstrate 8-hour conformity until an 8-hour budget is established.

# Interim Test is 1-Hour Budget



- Areas with adequate 1-hour budgets use them through the interim period unless deemed inappropriate
- Budget could be adjusted to reflect changes in nonattainment area boundaries
- Subtracting Stafford County emissions from current 1-hour budgets would remove 3% of VOC, 4% of NO<sub>x</sub>

# Options for Establishing an 8-Hour Budget

2006/2007

“Early Reduction” SIP

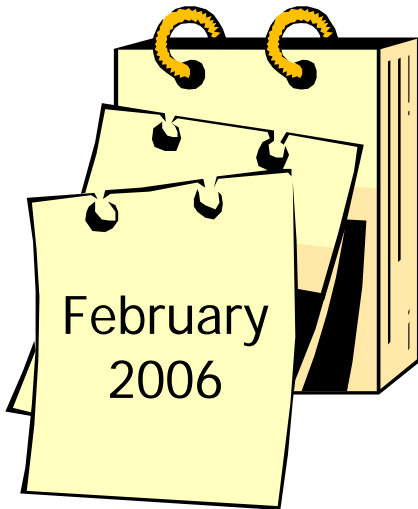
2010

Attainment SIP

2008

Reasonable Further Progress (RFP) SIP

# PM 2.5 Conformity



- Must demonstrate PM 2.5 conformity by February 2006, one year after designation
- Choose between two tests through interagency consultation:
  - Build/no-build
  - Less than 2002 baseline
- Calculate emissions using MOBILE 6.2
- Guidance on conformity for PM 2.5 precursors will come later

# Other Important Changes

- “Latest planning assumptions” are assumptions when travel demand modeling begins
- Incorporates existing guidance on adequacy determinations and consequences of SIP disapproval



# For More Information



- Draft Regulations
- Final Regulations
- Regional Contacts

<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/transp/conform/conf-regs.htm>