

# EPA Actions Update

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# EPA Actions (proposed in FR)

- 8-Hour SIP Implementation Guidance: comment re-opened on 2 issues
- PM2.5 Designation
- Proposed Approvals of 1-Hour “Severe Area” SIP

# 8-Hour Ozone Guidance: Comment

- Reconsideration of 2 issues in EPA's implementation guidance for the 8-hour ozone standard:
  - 1) Section 185 fees, do they apply once the 1-hour ozone standard is revoked
  - 2) Timing for determining which 1-hour control requirements continue to apply to avoid air quality backsliding

# EPA Comment: 8-Hour Guidance

- EPA proposes that contingency measures for failure to attain are no longer required after revocation of the 1-hour standard
- Proposes to change to June 15, 2004 the date for determining which 1-hour requirements remain applicable to avoid backsliding

# EPA 8-Hour Guidance: Comment

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- Comment due to EPA by March 21, 2005

# Designation for Fine Particles

- Washington region designated nonattainment for fine particles (PM<sub>2.5</sub>)
- NAA excludes Stafford County, VA and Calvert County, MD
- Designation Effective 4/5/05
- SIP Due April 2008

# Washington's "Severe Area" SIP

- EPA proposed approval of the Rates of Progress plans, Contingency Measures, Transportation Control Measures, and Voluntary Measures (1/28/05)
- EPA proposed approval of attainment demonstrations on 2/9/05

# What's missing?

- 8-Hour Ozone Guidance, Phase 2
- Fine Particle Standard Implementation Guidance
- EPA expects to issue both this spring