



Proposed New PM NAAQS

Washington, DC Region Attainment Status

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Proposed PM standards

- EPA proposed new 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard – January 17, 2006
- Proposed standard – 35 µg/m³; Current standard – 65 µg/m³

- EPA retained current Annual PM_{2.5} standard at 15 µg/m³

- EPA announced a new PM_{10-2.5} standard - 70 µg/m³

- Comments:
 - Alternative levels of 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard (25 - 65 µg/m³)
 - Annual PM_{2.5} standard (down to 12 µg/m³)
 - Alternative approaches for selecting the standard levels
 - Comment period: April 17, 2006



Comparison: Proposed & Current 24-Hour Average PM2.5 standards

- Proposed 24-hour average PM2.5 standard – 35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
- Current 24-hour average PM2.5 standard – 65 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$

- Exceedance of 24-hour average PM2.5 standard:
 - Design value (DV) for 24-hour average PM2.5 should not exceed the standard. DV is defined as the average of 98th percentile values of 24-hour average PM2.5 levels for any consecutive three year period (e.g., 2002-2004) in the region.



24-Hour Average PM2.5 Design Value (2002-04) in Washington, DC Region

98 th Percentile of 24-Hour Avg. PM2.5 Levels (FRM) in Washington, DC Region				
LOCATION	2002	2003	2004	3-year Avg.
LOUDOUN CO., VA Broad Run High School	32.3	35.3	34.2	33.9
FAIRFAX CO., VA Lee District Park	37.9	32.6	35.3	35.3
ARLINGTON CO., VA Aurora Hills Visitors Center	37.1	39.2	35.7	37.3
FAIRFAX CO., VA McLean Governmental Center	34.7	32.9	33.7	33.8
FAIRFAX CO., VA Mason Governmental Center	35	36.7		
FAIRFAX CO., VA Annandale			34	
Rockville, MD	36.3	32.1	31.7	33.4
PG Eq. Center, MD	47.2	31.5	37.7	38.8
River Terrace, Washington, DC	56	39	42	45.7
Park Services Office, Ohio Dr., Washington, DC	36	39	36	37.0
McMillian, Washington, DC	41	35	35	37.0
Washington, DC PM2.5 NAA				45.7



Conclusions

- 24-hour average PM_{2.5} Design Value (2002-04) for Washington, DC region = 45.7 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
- Since the DV > 35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, Washington, DC region was clearly in violation of the new proposed 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard during the period (2002-04).