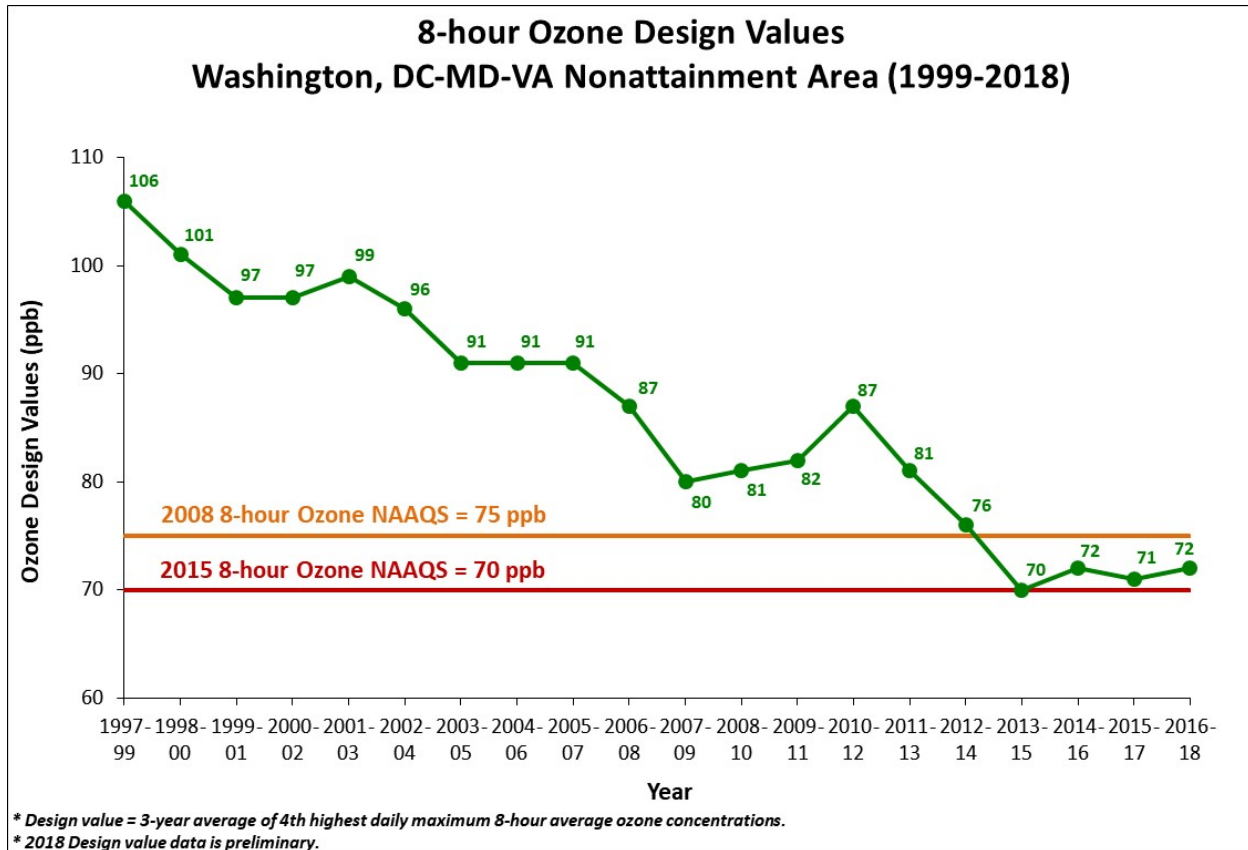


Air Quality Planning Update

- 2015 Ozone Standard:
 - Current design value – shows some possible leveling off



- Initial work to develop the region’s emissions inventory for the 2015 ozone air quality standard is underway
 - MWAQC-TAC is asking EPA for clarification on the baseline year, time period of emissions inventories, and exact pollutants needed in the inventory. The inventory is due August 3, 2020.
- Timeline for meeting the standard and challenges
 - The region needs to achieve the design value of 70 parts per billion (ppb) or below by 2021 (based on 2018-2020 data), otherwise we could get bumped up to moderate non-attainment and need to do a full state air quality implementation plan.
 - Achieving the standard on schedule would depend on summer season ozone data over the next two years.

- Some challenges include: transported emissions, mobile sources, weather patterns, and climate change
- Emissions reduction activities
 - The Washington region being a marginal nonattainment area for the 2015 ozone standard, it is not required by Clean Air Act to implement any new emission reduction measures to attain the above standard. However, the Washington region is proactively working on various measures.
 - COG staff are holding webinars for state and local governments to discuss and implement measures in the “What We Can Do” report.
 - Staff are evaluating the potential of energy efficiency and renewable energy programs adopted by state and local governments to be counted for credit in future air quality plans.
- MWAQC strategic planning session
 - MWAQC held a strategic planning session in December – the recommendations resulting from the evaluation will be shared for feedback soon.