



Clean Data Request

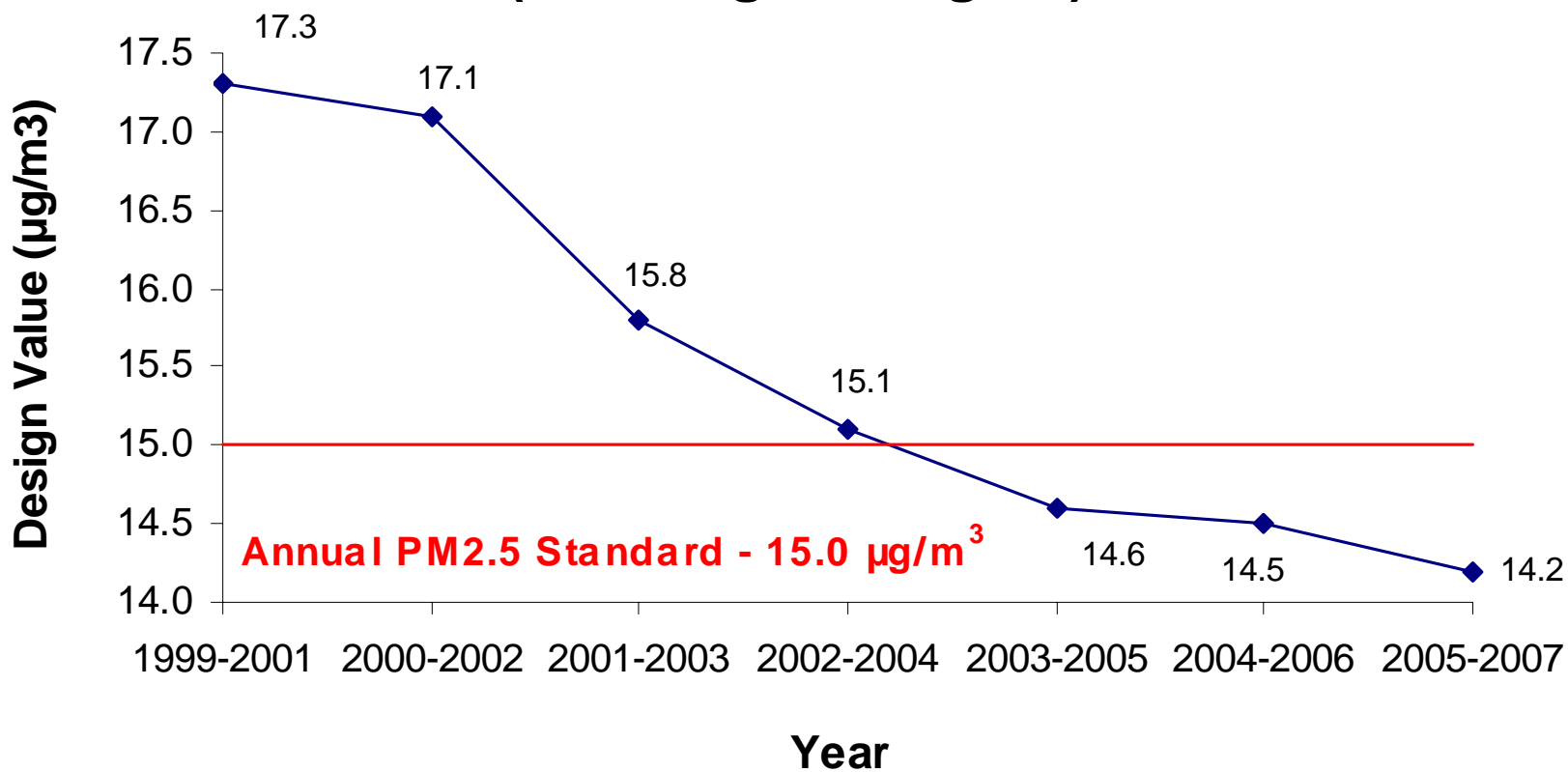
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Region Meets PM_{2.5} Standard

- Monitors in region have met the 1997 PM_{2.5} standards since 2005
- Data qualifies region for Clean Data determination



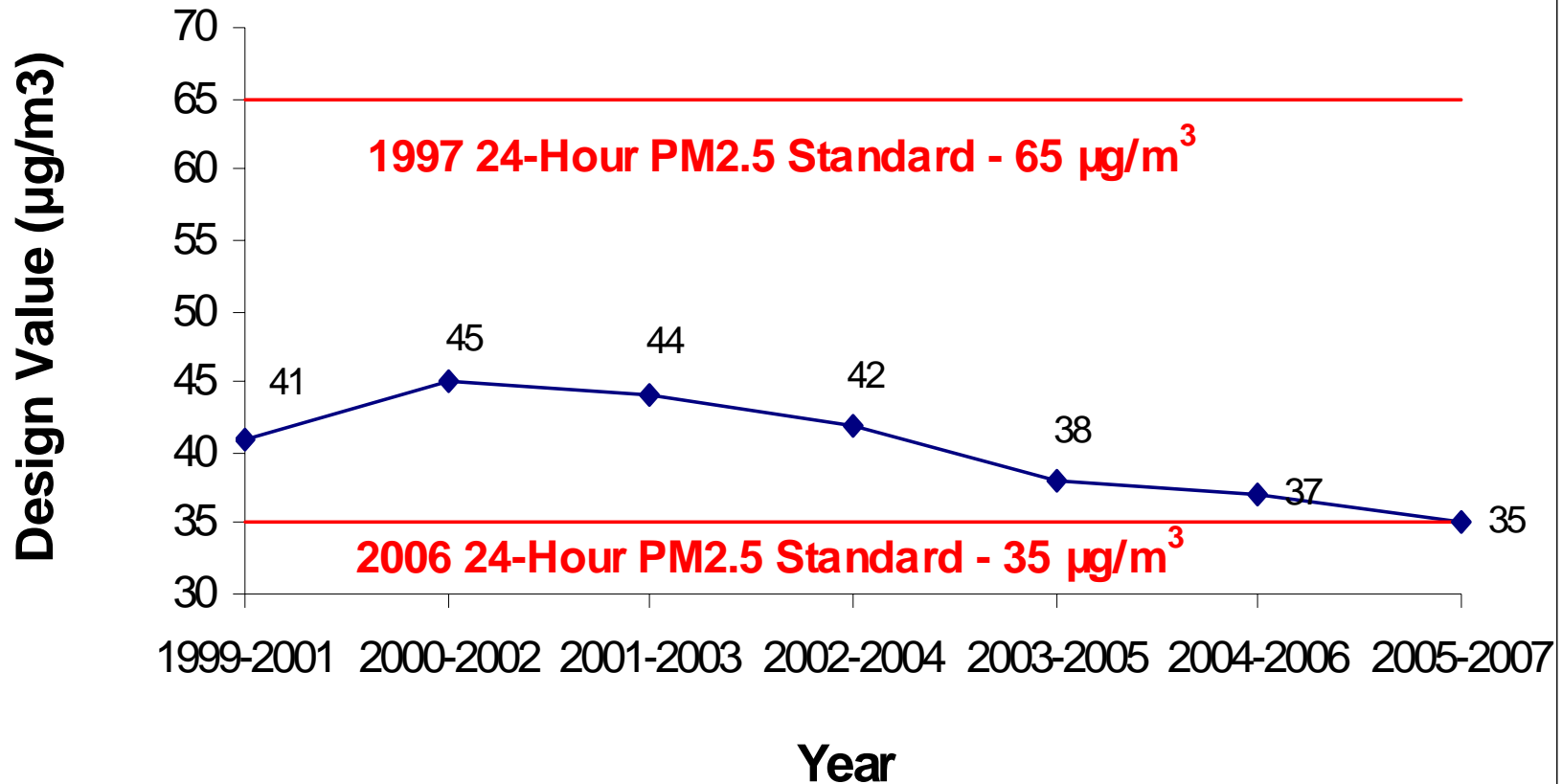
Annual PM2.5 Design Value (Washington Region)



2007 data
preliminary



24-Hour PM2.5 Design Value (Washington Region)

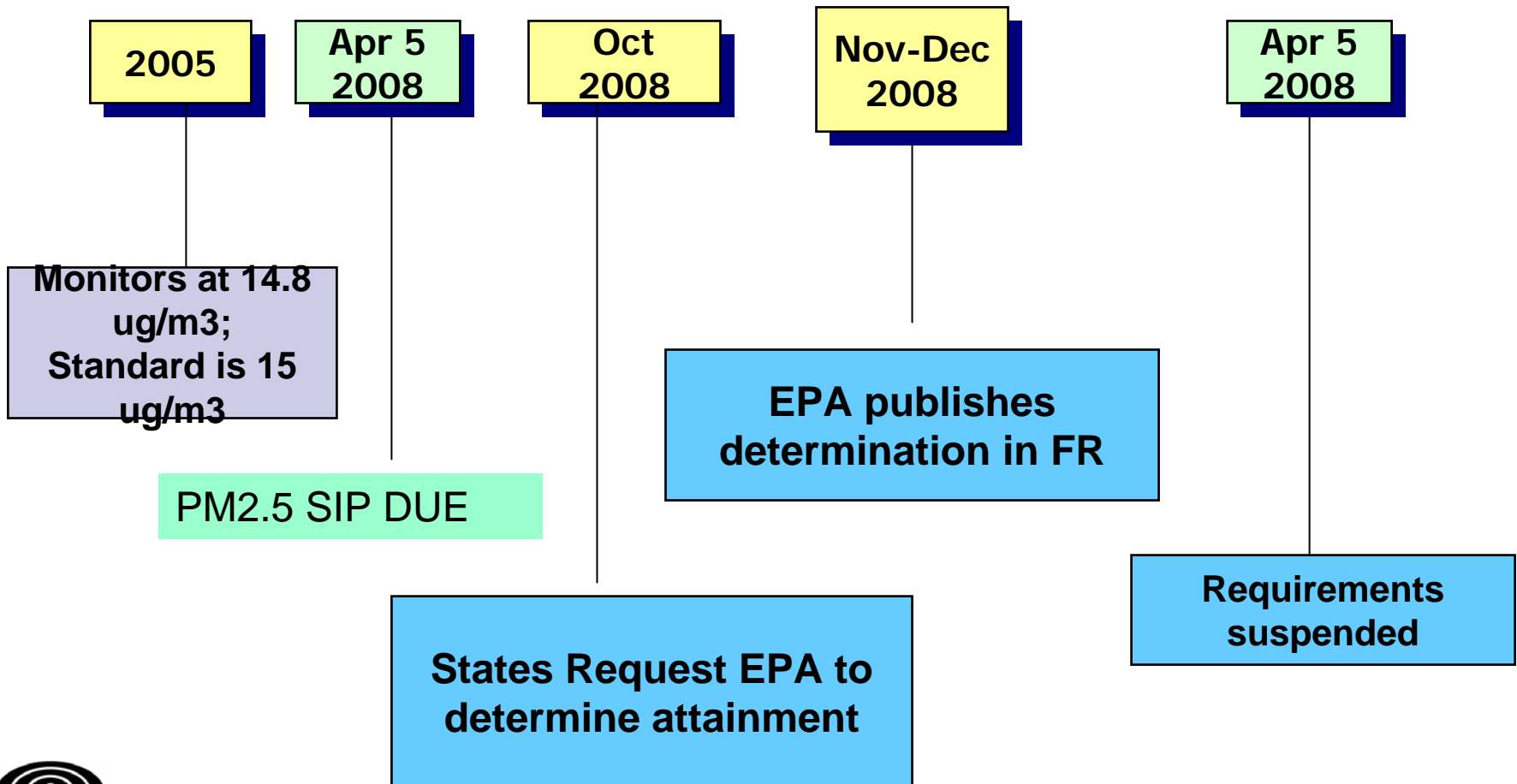


Clean Data Policy

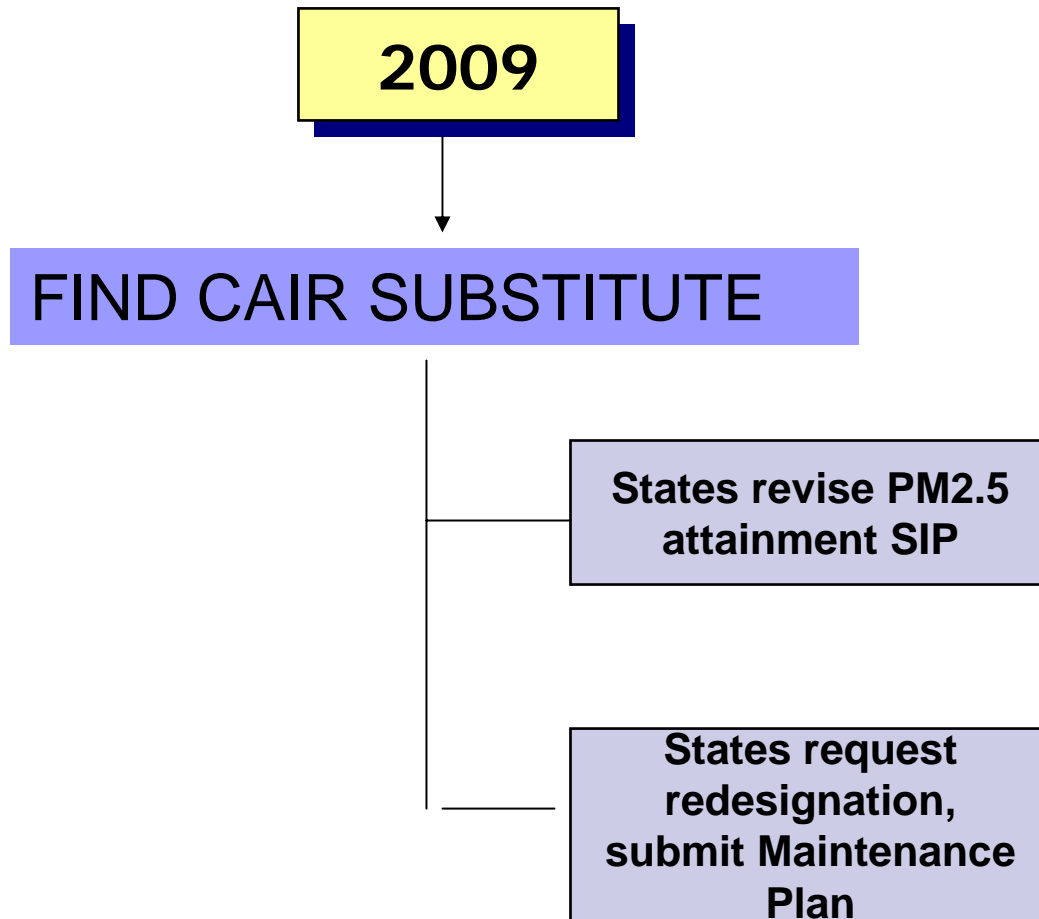
- Request Determination of attainment based on “clean data”
- EPA publishes determination in FR
- Provides temporary waiver for maintenance plan or attainment revision
- Conformity: continue to use interim* test



PM2.5 Clean Data Policy



AFTER CLEAN DATA DETERMINATION



Advantages

- No deadline for further action
- Time to consider submitting redesignation request or revising attainment SIP
- Recognizes progress in cleaning the air
- Buys time



Need time to...

- Clarify EPA guidance and policies
- Find measures that control interstate transport of pollutants
- Determine which action is best for the region: redesignation or revision of attainment plan



Disadvantage of Clean Data

- Extends the period the region uses interim mobile budgets;
- Interim $PM_{2.5}$ mobile budgets are not as protective of public health



In the meantime



- Congress may consider legislating CAIR
- EPA may provide guidance on PM_{2.5} maintenance plans
- OTC and other regional organizations may agree on measures to reduce transport

