

METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON AIR QUALITY COMMITTEE

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Committee Overview

- The Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee (MWAQC) coordinates air quality planning in the region.
- Members include area elected officials, environmental directors, and state air and transportation officials.
- Authority is derived from the Governors of Maryland and Virginia and the Mayor of the District of Columbia pursuant to the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990.

Air Quality Classifications

Pollutant	Attainment	Nonattainment
Ozone		
2015 standard		●
2008 standard	●	
Fine Particles	●	
Carbon Monoxide	●	
Sulfur Dioxide	●	
Nitrogen Dioxide	●	

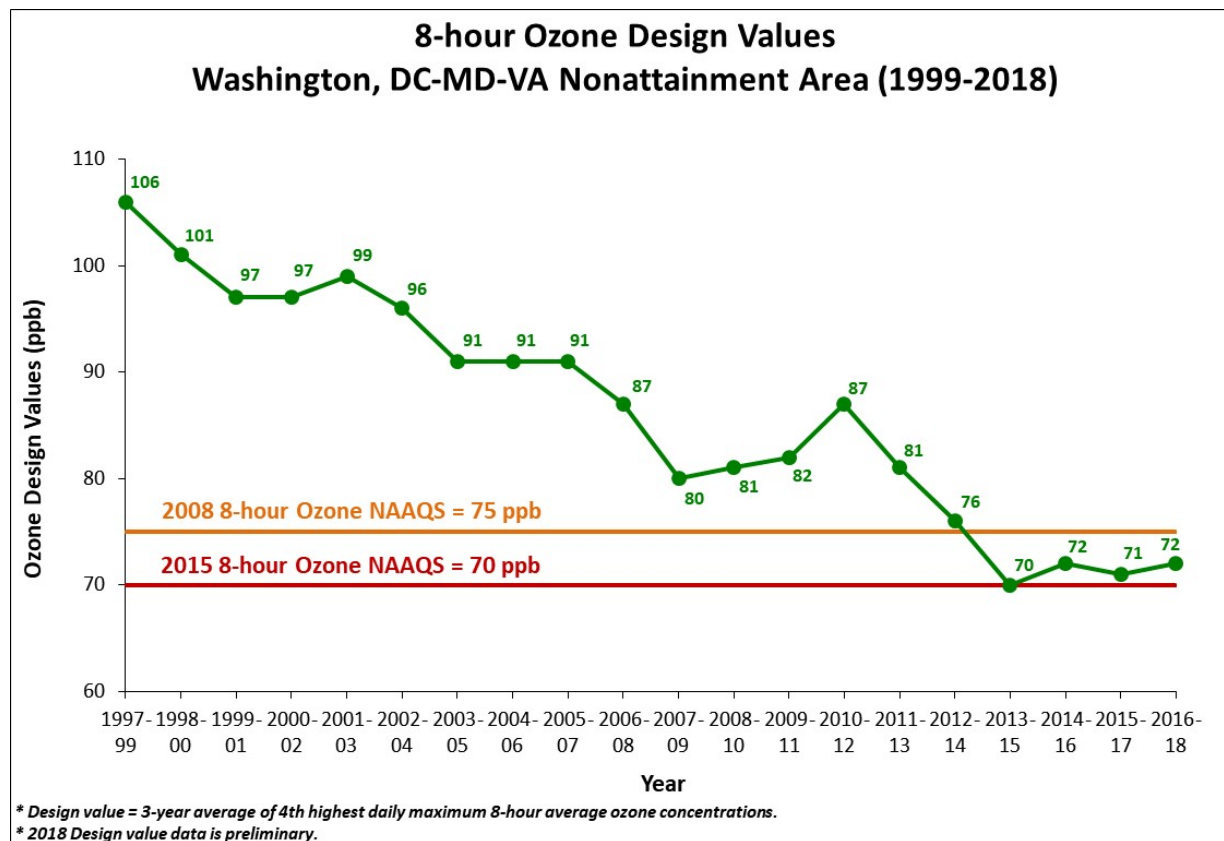


2018 Focus and Priorities

- Work with local members to identify and implement initiatives to reduce air pollution and meet federal health standards.
- Communicate with local leaders and the public on the need for actions to reduce emissions to improve air quality.
- Advocate for regulations that support state and local priorities.

2018 Accomplishments

- Met the 2008 ozone standard. Submitted request to designate the region as attainment.



2018 Accomplishments

- What We Can Do - identified priority actions local governments can take to further reduce air pollution and improve public health.
- Advocated on various issues.
 - Clean Power Plan
 - EPA's Strengthening Transparency in Regulatory Science
 - Regional Transportation Conformity Analysis (September)
 - Fuel Economy Standards (September)
 - Clean Power Plan Proposal (September)



Looking Ahead

- Work towards meeting the 2015 ozone standard (deadline is 2021).
- Advocate for federal actions to improve the region's air and protect public health. Oppose actions that would harm public health.
- Local member implementation of priority measures identified in the What We Can Do report.



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