

EPA's Ozone Regulation Harms U.S. Metalcasters



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its new stringent national ozone standard of 70 parts per billion (ppb) on Oct. 1, 2015. EPA's new standard is overly burdensome, costly and disregards the progress that the country has made to improve air quality over the past several decades. Specifically, the rule will put new burdens on the commercial and industrial activity vital to growing the economy. It will harmfully impact the majority of U.S. metalcasters.

The new 70 ppb standard will cause significant portions of the country to fall into nonattainment areas. In fact, an industry analysis shows that over 950 counties will fall into nonattainment. (See map on reverse side).

The American Foundry Society (AFS) has the following key concerns with EPA's Ozone Rule:

- **Increases the cost of energy for businesses and households in large regions of the country.**
- **Causes many regions to be in "no-growth zones" since they will fall into nonattainment areas.**
 - o Nonattainment designation triggers additional pollution control requirements, restrictions on new and existing building expansion, and more stringent permitting requirements, which will apply to manufacturing facilities, including foundries, as well as new and modified power plants.
 - o Metalcasters will not be able to expand production or build a new facility without a significant reduction of emissions or shutdown of operations from other plants in the area.
- **Requires the installation of the most effective emission reduction technologies without consideration of cost.**
- **Suspends, in some cases, federally supported highway and transportation projects.**

Currently, the EPA must review national ambient air quality standards every five years. This has resulted in new ozone standards being issued before previous standards are implemented, leaving states faced with the prospect of simultaneously implementing two ozone standards.

Message to Congress

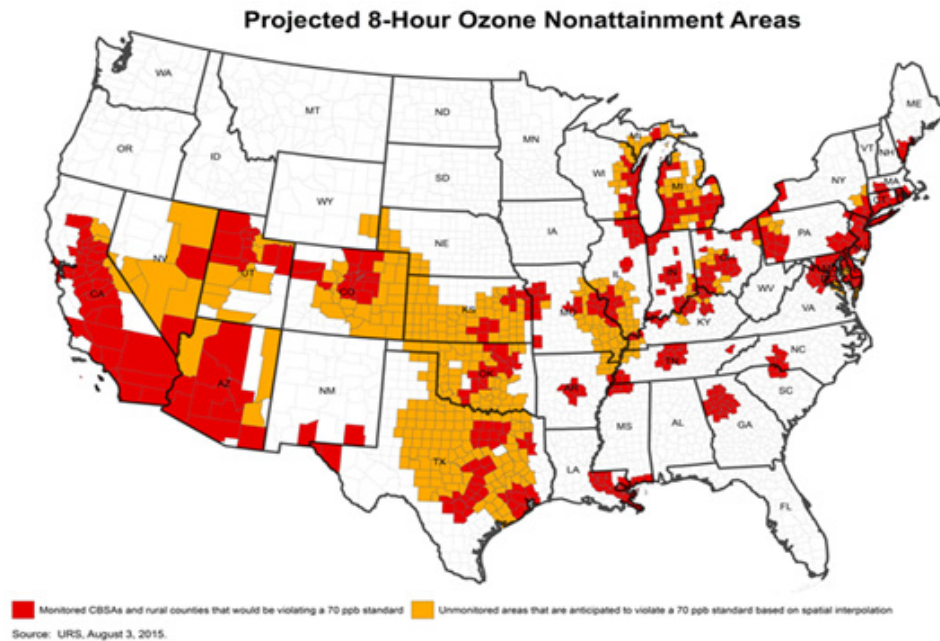
We urge lawmakers to cosponsor and support passage of the Ozone Standards Implementation Act (S. 2882/ H.R. 4775) introduced by Senators Shelley Capito (R-W.Va.) and Jeff Flake (R-Ariz.) and Representatives Pete Olson (R-Texas) and Bill Flores (R-Texas).

The bill would provide states with more time and flexibility to implement EPA's 2015 ozone standard, as well as:

- **Phase-in implementation of the 2008 and 2015 ozone standards, extending the compliance date for the 2015 standard to 2025, making it easier and more cost-effective for states to comply.**
- **Change the mandatory review of the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) from five to 10 years.**
- **Call on the EPA to consider technological feasibility as a secondary consideration when revising NAAQS.**
- **Direct the EPA to submit a report to Congress within two years regarding the impacts of foreign emissions on NAAQS compliance and related matters.**

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EPA Ozone Rule: Nonattainment Areas at 70 ppb



Cosponsors

**Thank the following lawmakers for cosponsoring the
Ozone Standards Implementation Act (S. 2882/H.R. 4775)**

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