

U.S. EPA FACT SHEET

Approval of Base Year Emission Inventories for the 2008 Ozone Standard; California; Calaveras County, Chico (Butte County), San Francisco Bay Area and San Luis Obispo County (Eastern San Luis Obispo)

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Summary

- The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is taking direct final action to approve revisions to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP) concerning the base year emission inventories (EIs) for four areas designated as nonattainment areas (NAAs) for the 2008 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (2008 ozone NAAQS).
- The subject areas include Calaveras County, Chico (Butte County), San Francisco Bay Area and San Luis Obispo (Eastern San Luis Obispo).

Background

- In 2008, the EPA strengthened the eight-hour ozone NAAQS to 0.075 parts per million.
- In 2012, the EPA designated 18 areas in California as nonattainment for the 2008 ozone NAAQS.
- In 2013, the EPA proposed the 2008 ozone NAAQS SIP Requirements Rule (SRR). The EPA finalized the SRR in 2015. The SRR established requirements for “base year” emission inventories.
- In 2014, the CARB submitted to the EPA a document that addressed base year inventory requirements for 15 of the 18 NAAs in California.
- In 2016, the EPA determined that four Marginal NAAs in California – Calaveras County, Chico (Butte County), San Francisco Bay Area and Tuscan Buttes - had attained the 2008 ozone NAAQS by the applicable attainment date of July 20, 2015, based on complete, quality-assured and certified ozone monitoring data for 2012-2014. The EPA determined that Eastern San Luis Obispo (SLO) qualified for a 1-year attainment date extension.
- Based on our preliminary review of 2013-2015 monitoring data, it appears that the Eastern SLO NAA has attained the 2008 ozone standard by the (extended) attainment date of July 20, 2016.

Next Steps

- Today’s direct final action will be published in the Federal Register in approximately two weeks.
- We are simultaneously proposing approval of the same submitted EIs. If we receive adverse comments within 30 days after date of publication, we will publish a timely withdrawal in the Federal Register and address the comments in a subsequent final action based on the proposal.

For More Information: <https://www3.epa.gov/region9/air/actions/calwide/index.html>