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**SUBJECT:** Oxidant Standard

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There appears to be some uncertainty regarding the 1979 SIP revisions for photochemical oxidants in light of the proposed change to the standard. Since it is doubtful that any standard revision will be promulgated prior to January 1979, it is incumbent upon us to remind the States that 0.08 ppm is the current primary standard and strategy development should be based upon this value.

If the standard is changed, it is anticipated that .08 ppm will remain as a secondary standard. In those cases where there is only a secondary standard violation, I/M will not necessarily be required to attain the secondary standard. The SIP may be revised to delete any unnecessary measures in such areas when and if we promulgate the change to the standard.

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