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Subject: New Ozone Standard/System Outage

AQS Users,

The National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone was revised earlier this year and as a result of this modification, the data in AQS has been modified for all years to reflect this new NAAQS. The data modifications include: (1) recomputing the 8-hour averages where there was not enough data values to satisfy the original completeness criteria, (2) recalculating the air quality index values for all data to reflect the new break points, and (3) recomputing the annual summary statistics to count values above the new standard for 8-hour ozone averages. These calculations were completed and loaded into AQSPROD on May 17, 2008.

The National Computer Center has notified us that the servers and communications network that support AQSPROD will be unavailable from Saturday May 21, 2008 at 5:00AM to Sunday June 1, 2008 at 3:00AM EST. This down time is necessary to upgrade the Agency's network to meet the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) mandate, which requires all federal agency networks to have IPv6 compliant devices by June 30, 2008.

We apologize for this outage but hope that this early notification will allow you to make necessary adjustments to your schedule.

Thanks,
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