



REGION 4 OZONE MONITORING SEASON EVALUATION & PROPOSED REVISIONS



EPA AIR MONITORING MEETING
September 9-11, 2003

EPA GUIDANCE CRITERIA

- Consider all SLAMS/NAMS data for the most recent 6 years (1996-2001)
- Include months with at least 1 ‘hit’
(daily maximum 8-hour average ≥ 80 ppb)
- Include adjacent months if hits occur at the ‘ends’ of months bounding the ozone season
- Lengthen other State ozone seasons as needed to ensure consistency in areas of transport or within Regions

REGION 4 PROPOSED CRITERIA

- In evaluating Ozone Monitoring Season length:
 - Include months with numerous hits
 - Exclude months with no hits
 - Further evaluate months with few hits & exceedences
- Determine the impact of boundary month exceedences on:
 - Regulatory Decision Making
 - AQI Reporting
- Include months needed to accomplish these monitoring objectives, with a margin of safety

RESULTS OF OZONE SEASON EVALUATION PER REGION 4 PROPOSED CRITERIA

| STATE | CURRENT SEASON | | REVISED PER GUIDANCE | | REVISED PER R4 CRITERIA | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|---------|----------------------|----------|---|-----------|
| | BEGIN | END | BEGIN | END | BEGIN | END |
| Alabama | March | October | March | November | May | September |
| Florida | March | October | February | November | March | October |
| Georgia | March | October | March | November | May | September |
| Kentucky | March | October | March | November | May | September |
| Mississippi | March | October | March | November | May | September |
| North Carolina | April | October | March | November | May | September |
| South Carolina | April | October | March | November | May | September |
| Tennessee | March | October | March | November | May | September |
| Additional Monitoring Requirements: | (None) | | (None) | | Year-Round Operation of a small subset of O ₃ monitors (approx. 10% of the network or 2 per State) | |

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TOTAL DAILY MAXIMUM 8-HOUR AVERAGE OZONE CONCENTRATIONS ≥ 85 ppb (1996 - 2001)

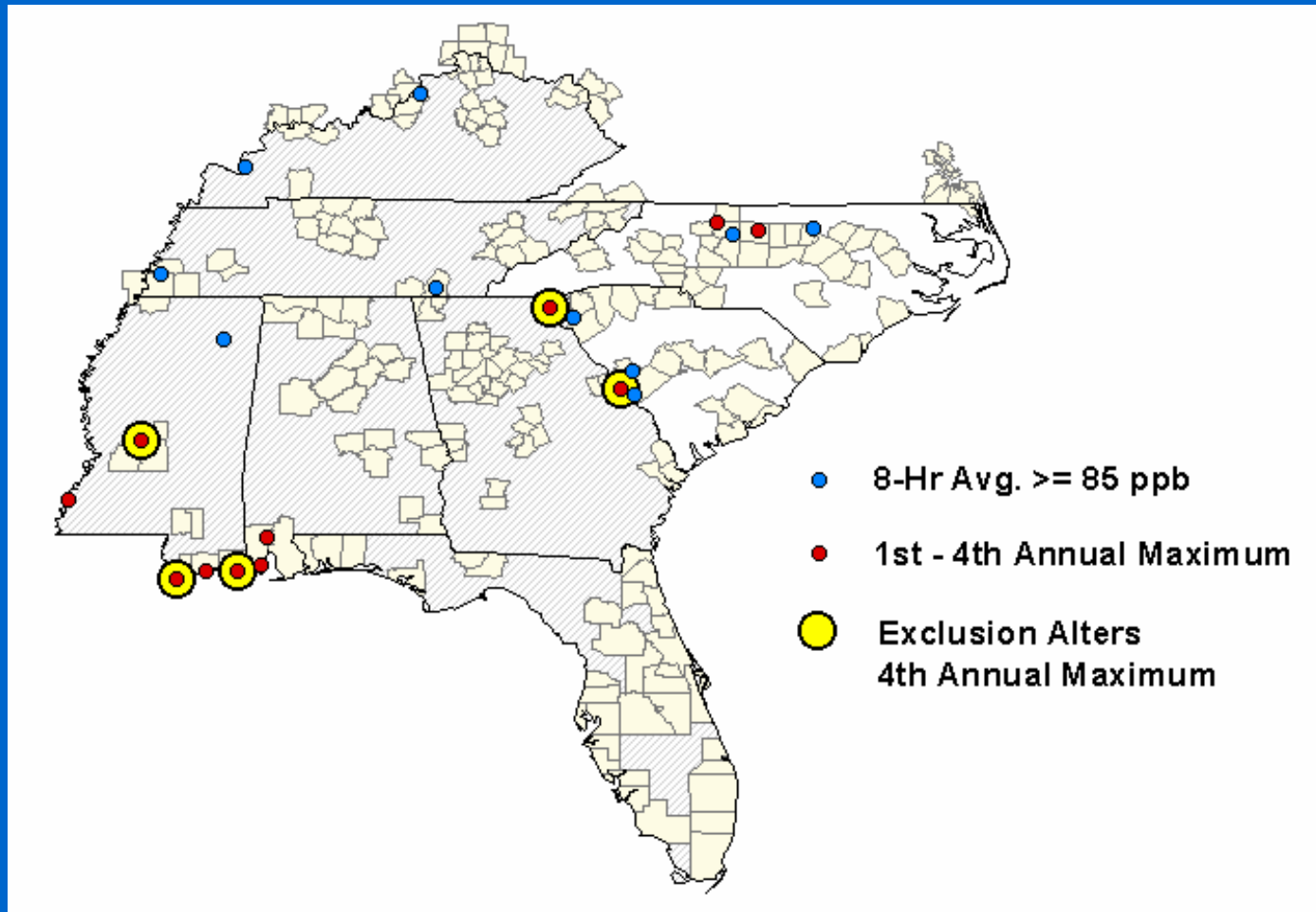
REGION 4 STATES EXCEPT FLORIDA

| | MARCH | APRIL | | | OCTOBER | |
|----------------|-------|----------|-----------|--|----------|-----------|
| STATE* | | Apr 1-14 | Apr 15-30 | | Oct 1-14 | Oct 15-31 |
| Alabama | 0 | 0 | 3 | | 0 | 0 |
| Georgia | 0 | 0 | 1 | | 0 | 1 |
| Kentucky | 0 | 0 | 1 | | 0 | 1 |
| Mississippi | 1 | 0 | 3 | | 1 | 2 |
| North Carolina | -- | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 1 |
| South Carolina | 1 | 0 | 2 | | 0 | 1 |
| Tennessee | 0 | 0 | 1 | | 2 | 1 |
| TOTAL | 2 | 1 | 13 | | 4 | 7 |

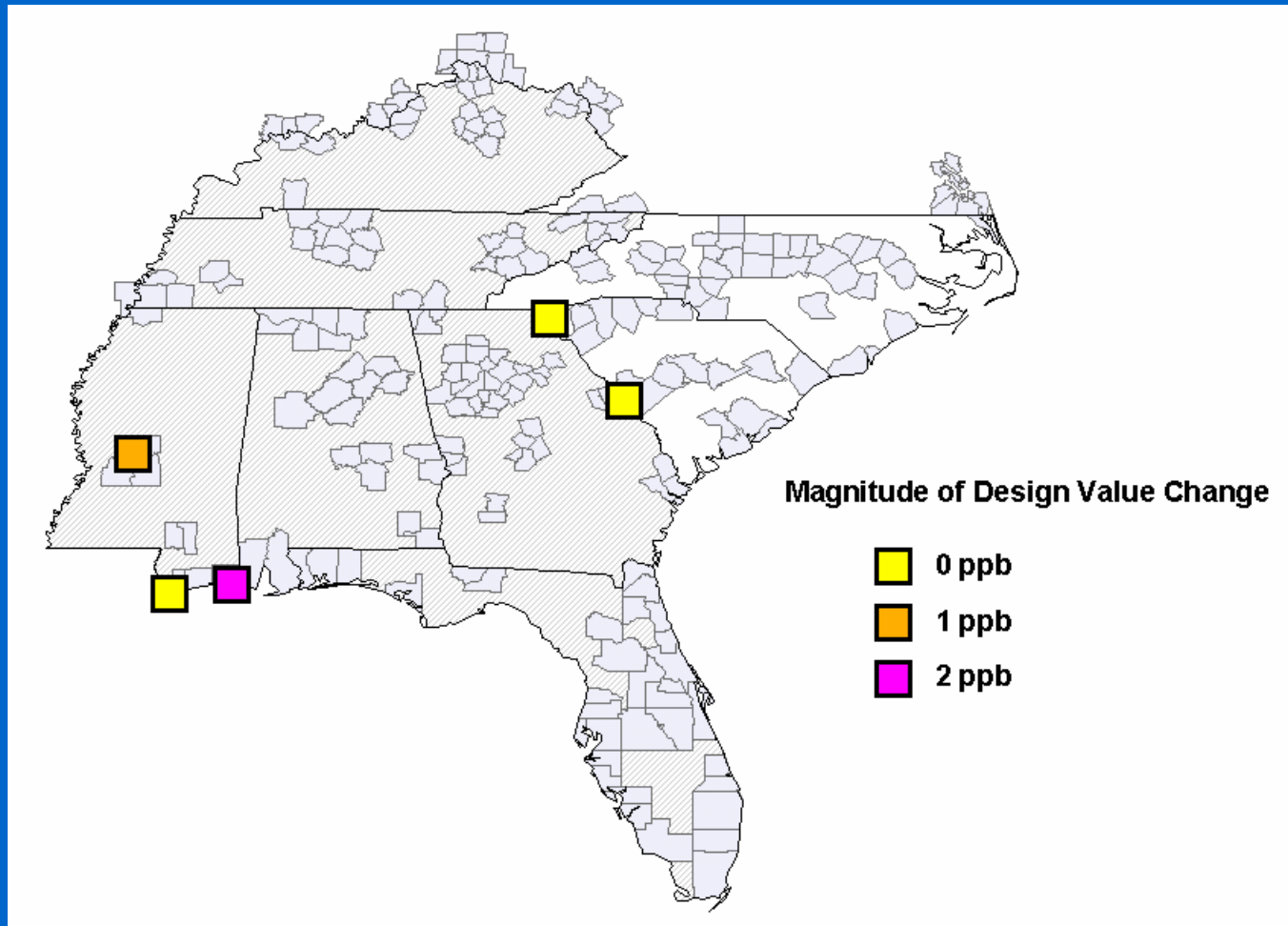
FLORIDA

| FEBRUARY | MARCH | | OCTOBER | | NOVEMBER |
|----------|-------|--|----------|-----------|----------|
| | | | Oct 1-14 | Oct 15-31 | |
| 0 | 7 | | 2 | 16 | 1 |

DAILY PEAK 8-HR OZONE CONCENTRATIONS ≥ 85 ppb
MARCH - APRIL - OCTOBER
IMPACTS ON 4th ANNUAL MAX. CONCENTRATION

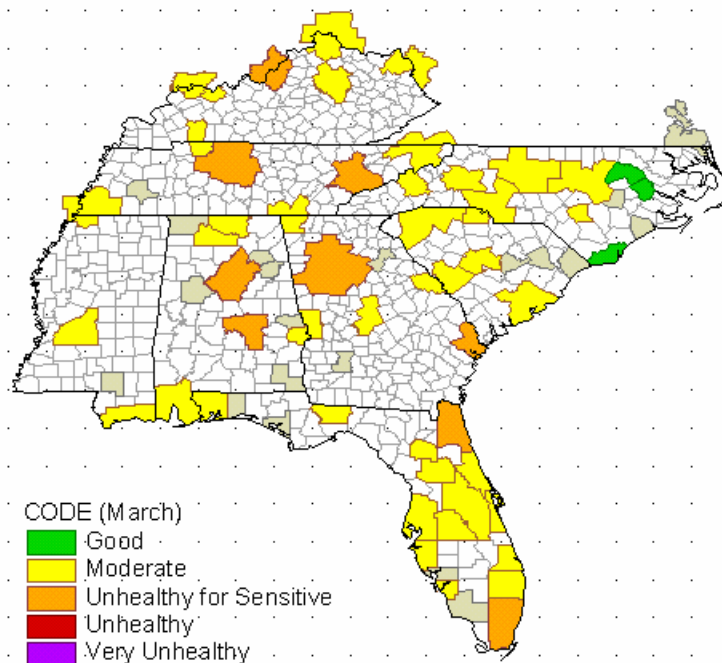


DAILY PEAK 8-HR OZONE CONCENTRATIONS ≥ 85 ppb
MARCH -APRIL - OCTOBER
IMPACTS ON DESIGN VALUE

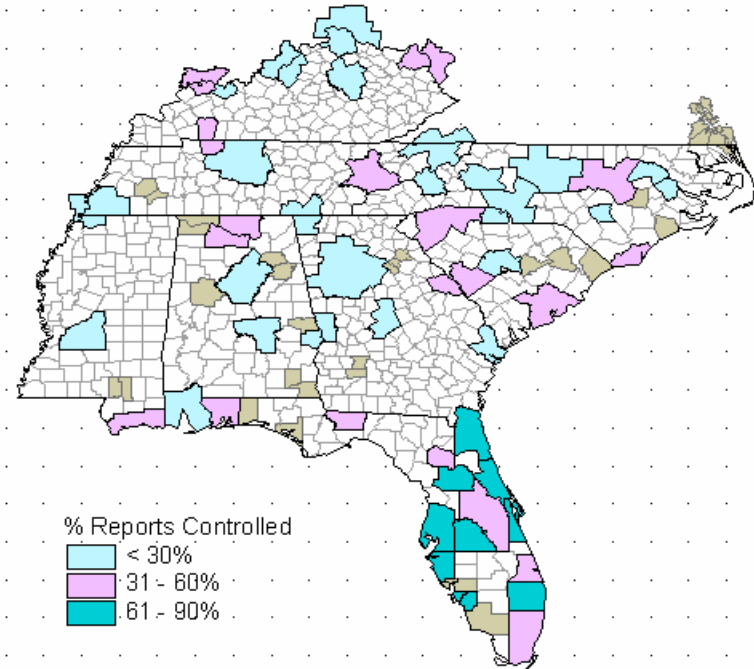


MSA OZONE MONITORS IMPACT ON AIR QUALITY INDEX MARCH (1996 - 2001)

Maximum Reported AQI Code

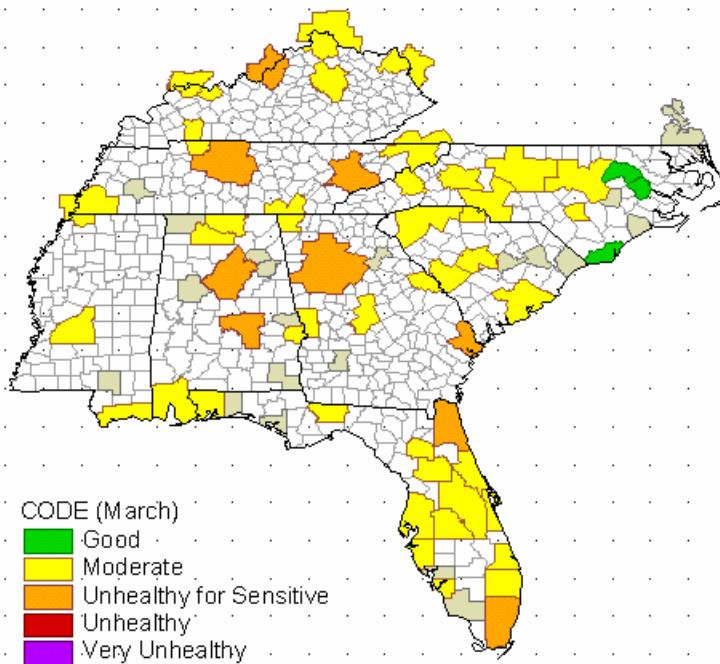


Frequency with which
Ozone Controlled the AQI

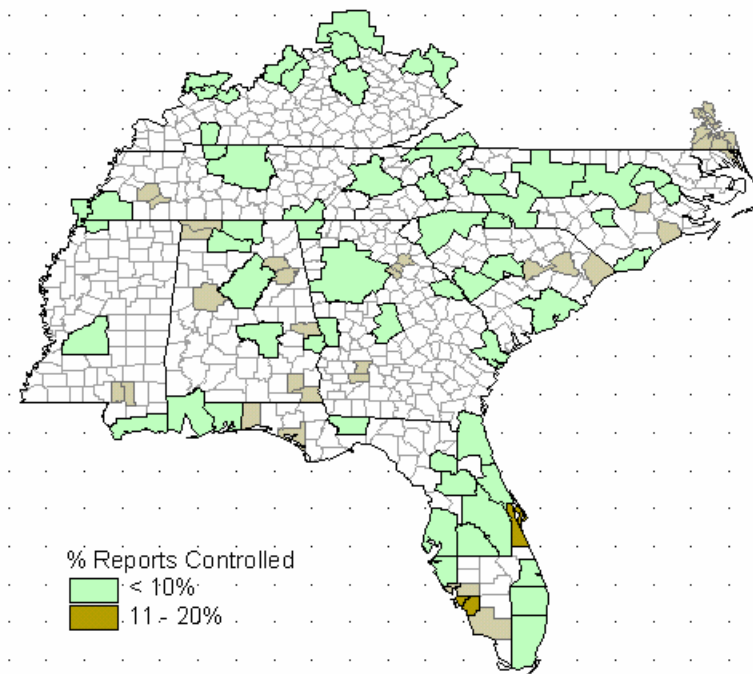


MSA OZONE MONITORS IMPACT ON AQI CODE MARCH (1996 - 2001)

Maximum Reported AQI Code

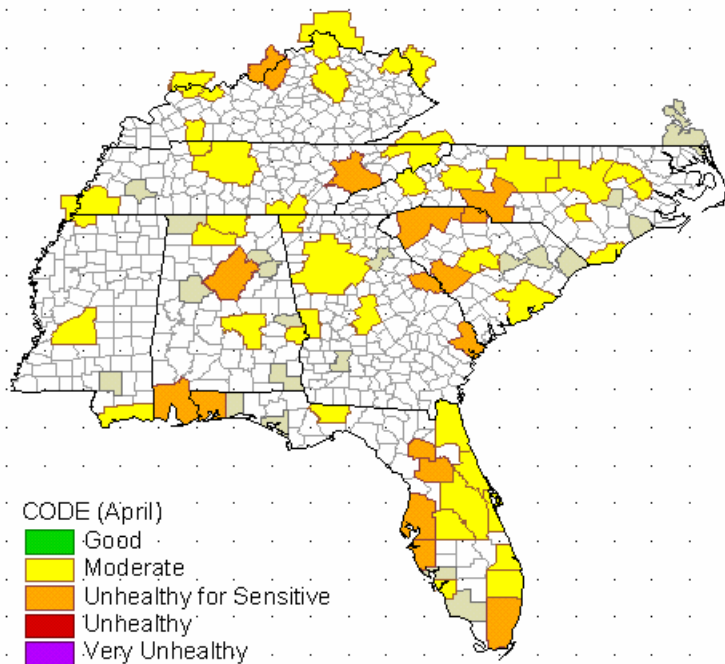


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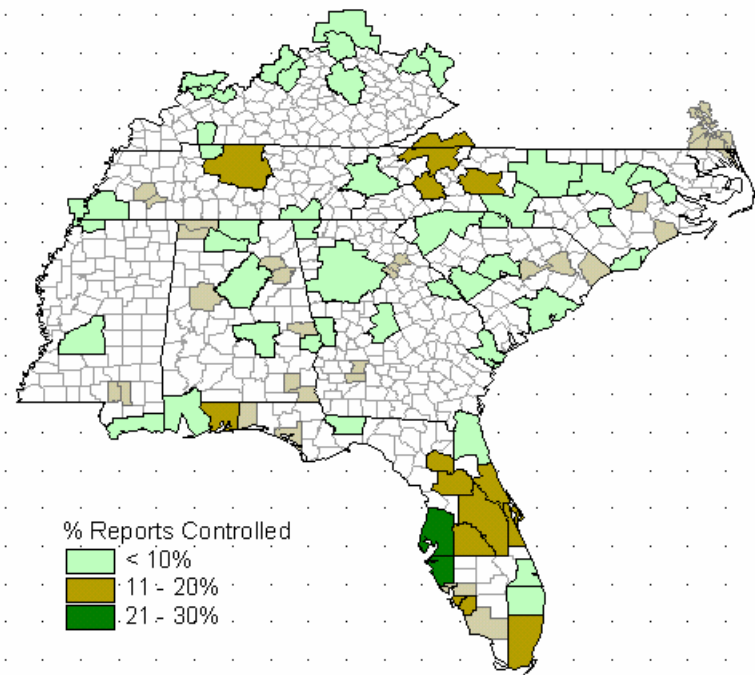


MSA OZONE MONITORS IMPACT ON AQI CODE APRIL (1996 - 2001)

Maximum Reported AQI Code

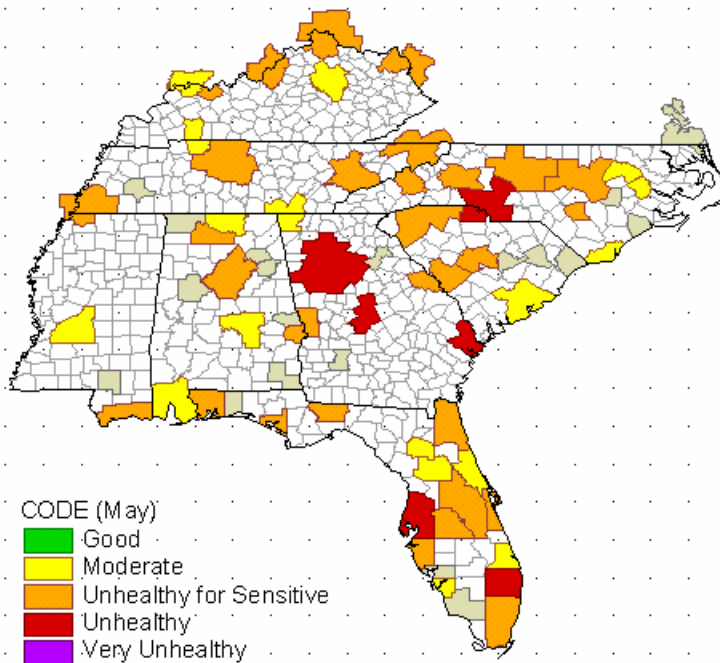


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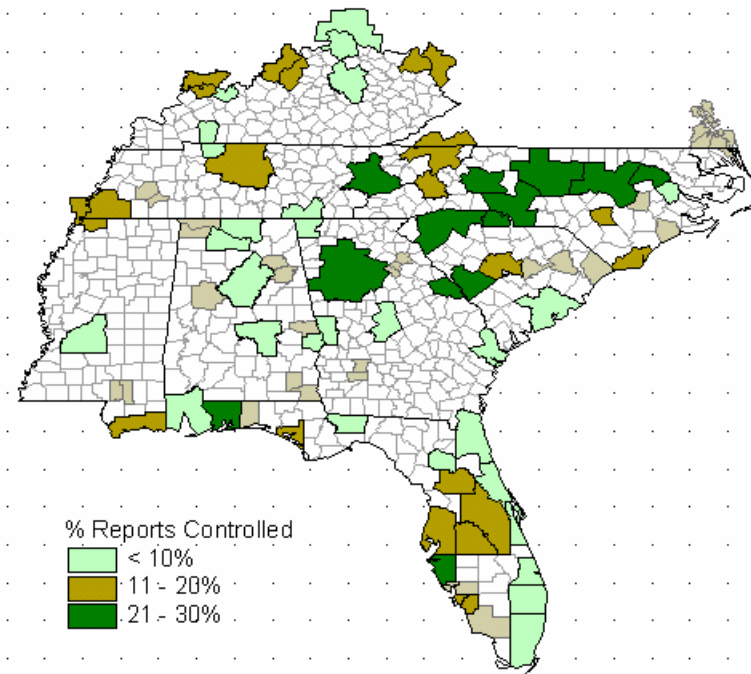


MSA OZONE MONITORS IMPACT ON AQI CODE MAY (1996 - 2001)

Maximum Reported AQI Code

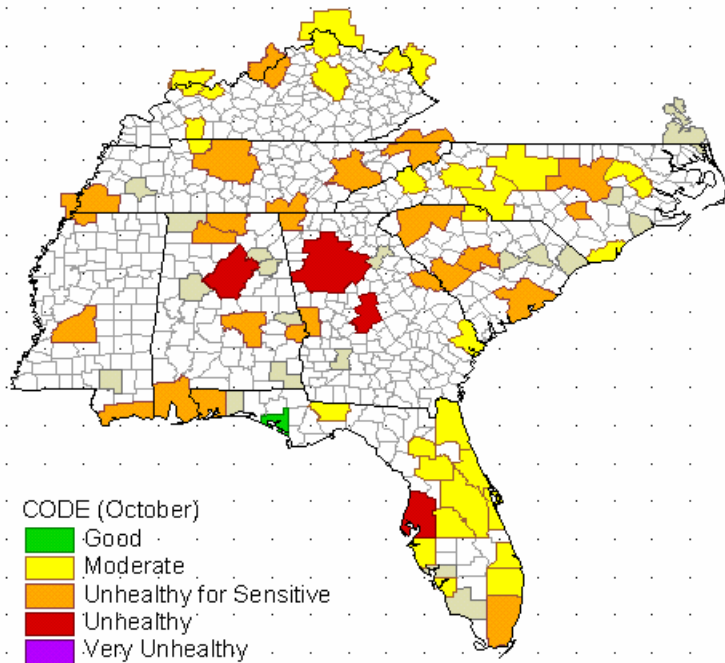


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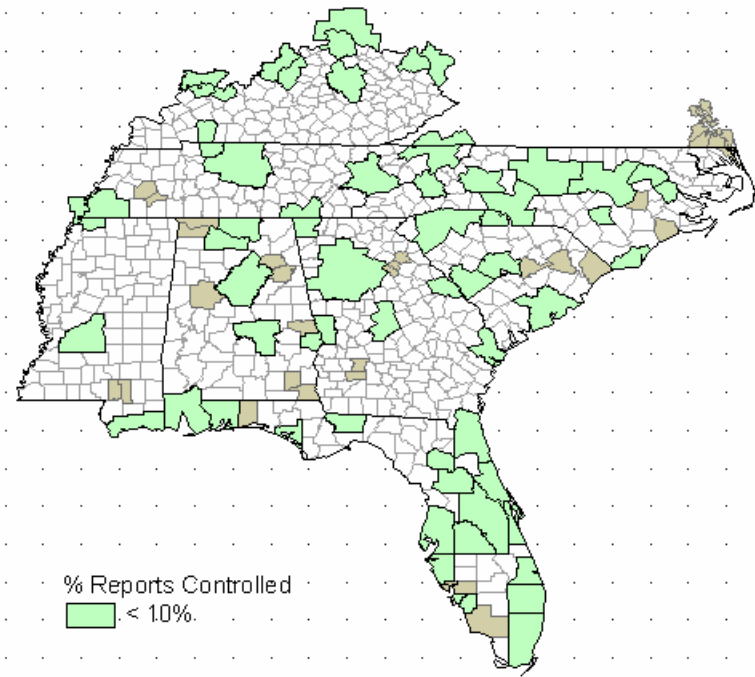


MSA OZONE MONITORS IMPACT ON AQI CODE OCTOBER (1996 - 2001)

Maximum Reported AQI Code



Frequency with which
Ozone Controlled the AQI Code



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ORANGE/RED/PURPLE AQI CODES CONTROLLED BY OZONE

MARCH – APRIL – MAY – SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER

1996 - 2001

| MONTH | # RECORDS | # CODE | | | # O ₃ -controlled INDEX (R4) | | | # O ₃ -controlled INDEX (R4 outside FL) | | | # O ₃ -controlled CODE (R4) | | | # O ₃ -controlled CODE (R4 outside FL) | | |
|-----------|--------------|-----------|----|---|---|----|---|--|----|---|--|----|---|---|----|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| March | 2174 | 17 | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| April | 2597 | 24 | - | - | 17 | - | - | 3 | - | - | 17 | - | - | 3 | - | - |
| May | 2722 | 144 | 7 | - | 115 | 2 | - | 100 | 1 | - | 113 | 2 | - | 98 | 1 | - |
| September | 2700 | 105 | 15 | 1 | 92 | 11 | - | 80 | 11 | - | 85 | 11 | - | 73 | 11 | - |
| October | 2835 | 85 | 5 | - | 14 | - | - | 10 | - | - | 11 | - | - | 9 | - | - |

MSAs WHERE OZONE CONTROLLED AQI and/or AQI CODE

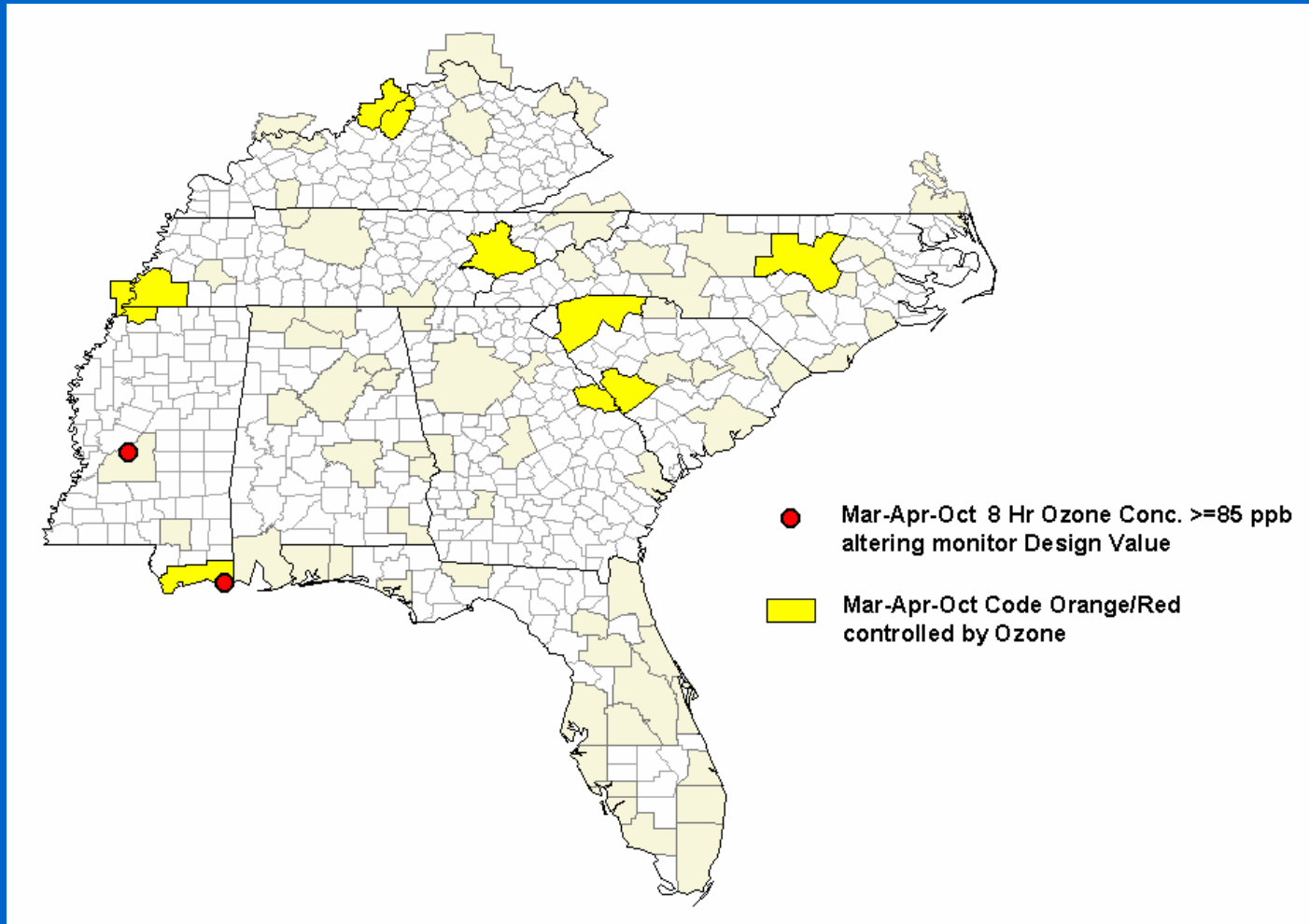
MARCH – APRIL – OCTOBER

1996 - 2001

| MSA | DATE | O ₃ AQI | PM _{2.5} AQI | O ₃ -Controlled CODE |
|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| MARCH | | | | |
| Knoxville, TN | March 8, 2000 | 129 | 109 | No |
| APRIL | | | | |
| Augusta-Aiken, GA-SC | April 28, 2001 | 104 | 71 | Yes |
| Greenville-Spartanburg, SC | April 26, 1998 | 114 | 67 | Yes |
| Louisville, KY | April 30, 2000 | 101 | 66 | Yes |
| OCTOBER | | | | |
| Augusta-Aiken, SC | October 17, 2000 | 101 | 63 | Yes |
| Biloxi-Gulfport, MS | October 29, 2000 | 104 | 96 | Yes |
| Greenville-Spartanburg, SC | October 5, 2000 | 111 | 104 | No |
| Knoxville, TN | October 4, 2000 | 111 | 88 | Yes |
| Knoxville, TN | October 15, 2000 | 109 | 81 | Yes |
| Knoxville, TN | October 16, 2000 | 106 | 77 | Yes |
| Knoxville, TN | October 4, 2001 | 106 | 87 | Yes |
| Memphis, TN | October 2, 1999 | 106 | 63 | Yes |
| Memphis, TN | October 27, 1999 | 114 | 94 | Yes |
| Raleigh-Durham, NC | October 16, 2000 | 106 | 90 | Yes |

POTENTIALLY CRITICAL OZONE MONITORING LOCATIONS

MARCH - APRIL - OCTOBER



- # BENEFITS OF YEAR-ROUND OZONE MONITORING AT A SUBSET OF REGION 4 MONITORS

- Monitor potentially critical areas during March - April - October
- Supplement NCORE Level 2 Site Data
- Contribute to research and modeling needs
- Improve the quality of future ozone season evaluations