

EPA's New Ozone Rules: Coming to Your Community Soon

EPA has proposed new standards for emissions that form ozone. Sounds good, right? Not so fast. Emissions that form ozone have already been cut in half since the 1980s. We're all in favor of a better environment, but EPA's new proposed standards are so unreasonable that much of the country—even some national parks—won't be in compliance.

What happens when communities can't comply? Something EPA calls "nonattainment." Being in nonattainment status places enormous regulatory burdens on business and industry, stifling investment and bringing economic development and job creation to a grinding halt.

That's why this proposed ozone regulation is the most expensive in American history.

\$140 Billion

Annual loss in GDP as a result of nonattainment restrictions

1.4 Million

Jobs eliminated as a result of nonattainment restrictions

\$830 Per Year

Cost to the average US household

* Source: National Association of Manufacturers: nam.org/Issues/Ozone-Regulations/

Let's take a closer look at what it means for our communities:

Agriculture

"Reducing the standard for ozone...would negatively impact agricultural producers around the country...The practical ramification of this is that the costs associated with agricultural production would increase."

-National Association of State Departments of Agriculture

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Small Businesses

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Costly controls on small business equipment and operations will strain investment and harm consumers.

Cars and Trucks

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Expensive restrictions on fuels and vehicles.

Government Revenue

Ozone regulations will restrict economic growth and development, resulting in lower state and local tax revenues and straining government services.

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Highway Funding

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Federal highway funding in nonattainment areas may be delayed indefinitely until a state commits to expensive offsets or demonstrates that a proposed project will not increase ozone.

Construction

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Costly restrictions will halt business expansion by requiring major modifications for new facilities, leading to delayed or canceled construction projects.

Power Plants

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Coal-fired power plants will be forced to shut down; construction of gas plants to replace lost electricity will take time, and be difficult and expensive.

Manufacturing

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Manufacturing and industrial facilities may not get permits they need to build or expand.



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