



Effects of EPA's 4/30/12 Notice in the Federal Register revoking the 2008 Ozone Standard

NON-ATTAINMENT SITUATION

- ALL of Michigan is now attainment/unclassifiable for Ozone.
- SEMCOG is still classified as non-attainment for Particulate Matter (PM), but may be re-designated to attainment/maintenance this year.
- SEMCOG also has a Carbon Monoxide (CO) maintenance area.

CONFORMITY REQUIREMENTS

- These are now *gone* except for PM in SEMCOG. The 4/30 rule was a direct final, and that means that there is no 60-day waiting period for it to take effect.
- Air Quality Chapters in the TIPS, LRPs, and the STIP need to be re-written to accommodate the attainment status recently published.
- MPO Interagency Workgroup meetings are still good to have and keep as part of the planning process, however they are no longer required to discuss capacity related projects unless and until new standards are enacted by EPA that would cause the counties to be reclassified non-attainment and require conformity analysis.

FUTURE OUTLOOK FOR ATTAINMENT STATUS

- Michigan may not stay in attainment for very long, so don't throw away your text and history of the attainment status of the areas.
- If we have a violation, then any new area will (under the direction of DEQ most likely) begin a 1-year implementation period for a revision to the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality (SIP) to reach attainment (rules to follow). Historically, areas newly designated as non-attainment have 1 year to conform their plans.