

# UNOFFICIAL DATA

2014			2015			2016		
Quarter	Quarterly Average PM2.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Number of Samples	Quarter	Quarterly Average PM2.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Number of Samples	Quarter	Quarterly Average PM2.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Number of Samples
1	15.5	90	1	16.8	90	1	13.7	91
2	5.4	90	2	5.2	91	2	5.7	89
3	8.3	89	3	14.7	93	3	5.4	92
4	22.1	56	4	17.5	83	4	13.3	90
Weighted Annual Ave		12.84 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Weighted Annual Ave		13.57 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	Weighted Annual Ave		9.53 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
2014 – 2016 3-year Annual Design Value = 11.98 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$								



# Redesignation and Clean Data Policy (CDP)

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## Redesignation Guidance

Procedures for Processing Requests to Redesignate Areas to Attainment: one principal source of EPA guidance on redesignations to attainment can be found in this memorandum from John Calcagni, Director, Air Quality Management Division, September 4, 1992.

The main requirements of redesignation are:

- a state must meet the applicable requirements of section 110 and Part D that become due prior to the state's submittal of a complete redesignation request to EPA;
- the EPA will not need to consider the required SIP elements that became due after submittal of the redesignation request;
- planning requirements remain due until EPA completes final action approving a redesignation request.

## Main Requirements of the Clean Data Policy

In designated nonattainment areas where monitored data demonstrate that the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) have been achieved, EPA interprets certain requirements of the Clean Air Act as no longer applicable for so long as air quality continues to meet the standard. This interpretation of the Clean Air Act is known as the Clean Data Policy (CDP).

- Under the Clean Data Policy, EPA may issue a determination of attainment (known informally as a Clean Data Determination) after notice and comment rulemaking determining that a specific area is attaining the relevant standard.
- For such areas the requirement to submit to EPA those SIP elements related to attaining the NAAQS is suspended for so long as the area continues to attain the standard.
- These planning elements that are suspended include:
  - reasonable further progress (RFP) requirements;
  - attainment demonstrations;
  - Reasonably Available Control Measures (RACM);
  - contingency measures; and
  - other state planning requirements related to attainment of the NAAQS.

## Differences Between a Clean Data Determination and a Redesignation to Attainment

- The determination of attainment (Clean Data Determination) is not equivalent to a redesignation, and the state must still meet the statutory requirements for redesignation in order to be redesignated to attainment.
- A determination of attainment for purposes of the Clean Data Policy/regulations is also not linked to any particular attainment deadline, and is not necessarily equivalent to a determination that an area has attained the standard by its applicable attainment deadline, e.g., under section 181(b).

## **Clean Data Policy Guidance**

- EPA's statutory interpretation of the Clean Data Policy is described in the [Final Rule to Implement the 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard—Phase 2 \(Phase 2 Final Rule\) 70 FR 71612, Nov. 29, 2005 \(PDF\)\(95 pp, 5 MB\)](#)
- [Reasonable Further Progress, Attainment Demonstration, and Related Requirements for Ozone Nonattainment Areas Meeting the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard: May 10, 1995 memorandum from John S. Seitz](#)

## **For More Information About EPA Actions on Redesignation and CDP**

See the [EPA Green Book](#) for comprehensive nonattainment area information for criteria pollutants. This website includes current area, state and county nonattainment and classification status, clean data determinations, redesignations, links to associated Federal Register Notices, GIS maps, and downloadable shapefiles and data exports.

## **§51.1015 Clean data requirements.**

(a) *Nonattainment areas initially classified as Moderate.* Upon a determination by the EPA that a Moderate PM<sub>2.5</sub> nonattainment area has attained the PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS, the requirements for the state to submit an attainment demonstration, provisions demonstrating that reasonably available control measures (including reasonably available control technology for stationary sources) shall be implemented no later than 4 years following the date of designation of the area, reasonable further progress plan, quantitative milestones and quantitative milestone reports, and contingency measures for the area shall be suspended until such time as:

(1) The area is redesignated to attainment, after which such requirements are permanently discharged; or,

(2) The EPA determines that the area has re-violated the PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS, at which time the state shall submit such attainment plan elements for the Moderate nonattainment area by a future date to be determined by the EPA and announced through publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER at the time EPA determines the area is violating the PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS.

(b) *Nonattainment areas reclassified as Serious.* Upon a determination by the EPA that a Serious PM<sub>2.5</sub> nonattainment area has attained the PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS, the requirements for the state to submit an attainment demonstration, reasonable further progress plan, quantitative milestones and quantitative milestone reports, and contingency measures for the area shall be suspended until such time as:

(1) The area is redesignated to attainment, after which such requirements are permanently discharged; or,

(2) The EPA determines that the area has re-violated the PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS, at which time the state shall submit such attainment plan elements for the Serious nonattainment area by a future date to be determined by the EPA and announced through publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER at the time the EPA determines the area is violating the PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS.

