



Attainment of National 1-Hour Ozone Standard & Redesignation Requirements

Finding of Attainment. On October 31, 2003, EPA proposed a finding of attainment of the national 1-hour ozone standard for the Bay Area. The proposed finding is based on monitoring data from 2001, 2002, and 2003. EPA is currently considering comments on the proposal.

If EPA makes a final finding of attainment, several State Implementation Plan (SIP) requirements are no longer applicable to the Bay Area, including the attainment demonstration (or assessment), reasonable further progress (RFP) and related contingency measure requirements. Therefore, a final finding of attainment would mean that these three elements of the *Bay Area 2001 Ozone Attainment Plan* are no longer required as part of the Bay Area SIP.

Consequently, the attainment assessment (including the commitments for a mid-course review, new emission reduction target, and submittal of a new attainment demonstration), as well as the RFP discussion and contingency measures in the *2001 Ozone Plan* are no longer required if EPA makes a final finding of attainment. The regional agencies will request that ARB withdraw these elements of the *2001 Ozone Plan* and urge EPA to expeditiously approve the remaining elements, e.g. the emission inventory, control measure commitments, and further study measure commitments.

Redesignation Requirements. A finding of attainment is not redesignation to attainment. In order for EPA to redesignate the Bay Area from a nonattainment area to an attainment area for the national 1-hour ozone standard, the regional agencies and ARB must submit a redesignation request to EPA, including the following elements:

- Monitoring data demonstrating that the region attained the national 1-hour ozone standard (already submitted)
- Demonstration that the air quality improvement is due to permanent and enforceable emission reductions
- Maintenance plan demonstrating the region's ability to maintain the standard for 10 years
- New transportation conformity budgets
- Contingency measures to correct any violations that may occur after redesignation

In addition, EPA must approve all Bay Area SIP submittals for the national 1-hour ozone standard (including the required portions of the *2001 Ozone Plan*) and find that the region is implementing all of its existing SIP commitments.

The regional agencies are developing a redesignation request, including all elements listed above.

Continuing Ozone Control Efforts. The Bay Area must still make progress toward the more stringent California 1-hour ozone standard and address downwind transport, so work on updating our all feasible measures commitment continues. In addition, we expect that EPA will designate the region as a nonattainment area for the national 8-hour ozone standard in April 2004. That action will trigger additional ozone attainment planning, and the control measure evaluation and photochemical modeling work we are doing now will assist in that effort.