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Implementation Considerations For Revised (2008) Ozone Standards

- 1997 Ozone NAAQS
 - For now, the 1997 8-hour ozone NAAQS and all the associated requirements will remain in place.
 - States should continue their plans for implementing the 1997 NAAQS.

Court Decision on Phase 1 Ozone Implementation Rule

- On June 8, 2007, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit responded to our petition for rehearing on the court's December 22, 2006, decision on the Phase 1 Rule to implement the 8-hour ozone NAAQS.

Court Decision on Phase 1 Ozone Implementation Rule

- Upheld the portions of the Phase 1 Rule relating to EPA’s classification system under subpart 2. Thus, the classifications for areas currently classified as subpart 2 nonattainment areas, the 8-hour ozone attainment dates and the timing for emissions reductions needed for attainment of the 8-hour ozone NAAQS remain in place.
- Urged EPA to promulgate a revised rule to implement the 8-hour ozone NAAQS for all unresolved issues as promptly as possible to ensure continued protection of public health.

Next Steps on 1997 Ozone NAAQS

- Develop proposed rules to address classification of subpart 1 areas and anti-backsliding requirements for NSR, contingency measures and section 185 fees for the 1-hour ozone NAAQS in the Fall of 2008.
- Develop final rules to address classification of subpart 1 areas and anti-backsliding requirements for NSR, contingency measures and section 185 fees for the 1-hour ozone NAAQS in the Fall of 2009.

Next Steps on 2008 Ozone NAAQS

- Develop proposal on transitioning from the 1997 standards to the 2008 ozone standards in Fall 2008.
- EPA is gathering questions to address in this proposal from States/Tribes.
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