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Implementation of New Source Review (NSR) in Transitional Nonattainment Areas

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Review of Concept Paper - (10/97)

- Transitional areas may comply with NA NSR requirements by making minor changes to existing PSD programs.
- Emission reductions from a State-run "Offset Pool" can be used to satisfy offset requirements for individual sources.
- Consideration of pollutant transport impacts in BACT analysis will result in close to LAER-level of control - "enhanced" BACT concept.

Where are We Now?



EPA intends to propose two alternatives:

- 1) The Concept Paper
- 2) The Clean Data Option

Clean Data Option

In lieu of applying NA NSR, States may continue to apply the PSD program in transitional NA areas, unless the Administrator finds that the area does not pass the "clean data test".

The Clean Data Test - Preliminary Thinking

- In 2004, EPA will review 2003 ambient air quality monitoring data to determine if the data passes the clean data test.
- To pass, the area's fourth highest maximum daily average ozone concentration for the year must be less than or equal to 0.084 ppm ozone.
- If an area does not pass, NA NSR requirements must be applied in the transitional area.

Process for Clean Data Areas

- States may continue to permit sources consistent with PSD or minor NSR requirements until a second ambient air quality review is conducted.
- At that time, the ambient air quality data should demonstrate attainment with the ozone NAAQS; or, NA NSR requirements would apply in the transitional area.

SIP Submittal Requirements

- States will be required to submit a NA NSR program covering transitional NA areas by July 2003.
- This program must specify that it would become effective at a future date upon the Administrator's finding that the area does not pass the "clean data test."
- In addition, States would have to change their PSD and minor NSR programs to accommodate permitting of new or modified sources in transitional NA areas.

Schedule For Transitional Rule

Proposal

Jan 1999

Public Comment

30 days

Final

June 1999