

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: PM Data Handling Guidance

FROM: J. David Mobley, Acting Director
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TO: Addressees

On May 11, 1999, I sent you the *Guideline on Data Handling Conventions for the PM NAAQS*. This guideline covers many subjects related to data handling, including data completeness, data substitution, sampling frequency, some monitoring issues, and calculations for comparing data to both the PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5} standards. Some of you may have already shared this guideline with your State and local agencies. In light of the May 14 ruling from the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia concerning the new ozone and PM standards, some of the conventions described in the Guideline could ultimately change depending on the final outcome of the judicial process. However, we believe that it is prudent to continue to communicate PM data handling guidance with our State and local partners until it is apparent that revision is appropriate. Please contact me or Miki Wayland (919/541-5391, wayland.miki@epa.gov) if you have any questions in this regard.

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