

# Request to Reclassify Sacramento Region Federal Ozone Nonattainment Area (SFNA) to "Severe" for 8-hour Ozone Standards

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## Introduction

- **SFNA classified – Severe (1-hour ozone)**
  - **Local businesses subject to 'severe' area requirements**
- **SFNA classified – Serious (8-hour ozone)**
- **Early modeling showed serious attainment deadline of June 15, 2013 could not be met**
- **Reclassification to severe needed to extend attainment deadline to June 15, 2019**
- **Reclassification was planned as part of 8-hour SIP submittal.**

## Why now?

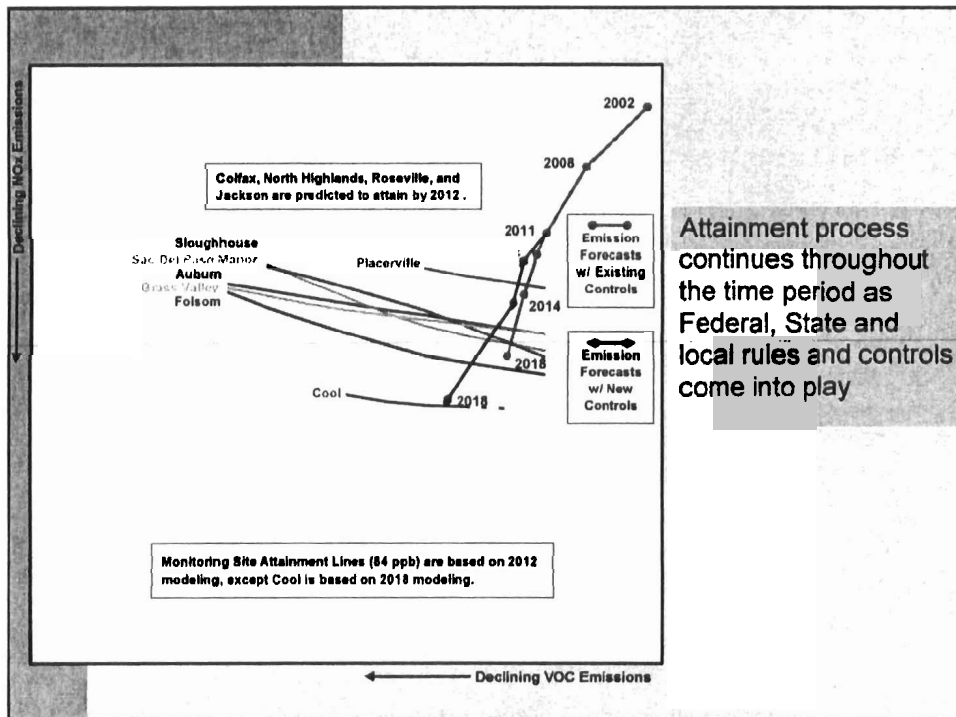
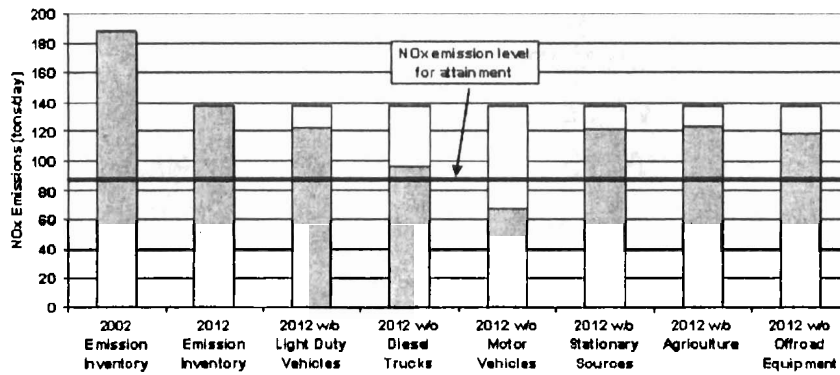
- **Two plans due – June 15, 2007**
  - Attainment Demonstration (SIP)
  - Progress Demonstration (RFP)
- **Plans submittal delayed**
  - Final state measure benefits approved – October 2007
  - Align with SACOG's Metropolitan Transportation Plan
- **EPA "Failure to submit" findings - Feb 15, 2008**
- **Starts sanctions clock – plans must be submitted**
  - Increased mitigation for new/expanding businesses (18 mos.)
  - Withhold federal transportation approvals/funding (24 mos.)
- **EPA must establish Federal Plan for region (24 mos)**

## Now what?

- **Remedy**
  - Submit early reclassification (bump-up) request – Feb 14, 2008
  - Submit RFP Plan – April 30, 2008
- **Need approval of all SFNA (5) air district boards**
  - Sacramento – Jan 24 (*Approved*)
  - Feather River – Feb 4
  - El Dorado – Feb 5
  - Yolo/Solano – Feb 13
  - Placer – Feb 14
- **ARB must approve and submit to EPA by Feb 15, 2008**

# Reclassification Request

## How difficult is attainment with 'serious' deadline?



## **Conclusion**

- **Reclassification request unavoidable**
- **Early reclassification remedy to potential EPA sanctions**
- **No new businesses impacts**
- **March/April 2008 – RFP plan for Board approval**