

What's at Stake for **Maryland** with New Ozone Regulations?

Manufacturers Face Billions in Costs for Ozone Regulation. The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) new ozone regulation is one of the most expensive regulations in U.S. history. We have made incredible progress over the past 35 years, cutting ozone levels by one-third nationwide. This progress will continue without the new ozone rule.

No-Growth Zones Expand in Maryland, Growth Stifled. Despite decades of air quality improvements, the administration decided to throw hundreds of counties into nonattainment, stifling growth in many parts of the country. Up to 21 counties in Maryland exceed the EPA's new standards, counties that are home to 93,425 manufacturing jobs. The barriers created by nonattainment are impacting manufacturers today.

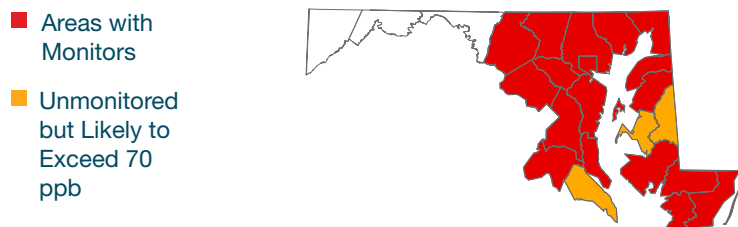
Local Voices Disregarded. Ignoring pleas from leaders in Maryland, the administration chose to set new targets before communities across the country could come into compliance with the 2008 ozone standards.

Outdated Law Ignores Current State of the Environment, Lacks Flexibility. The administration set ozone standards so strict that many communities find themselves in nonattainment despite the fact that the majority of their ozone comes from natural sources or sources in foreign countries.

Rigid and Unrealistic Deadlines Rarely Met, Make Little Sense. Unrealistically short five-year "review cycles" for ozone and other air quality standards lead to overlapping regulations. The EPA regularly exceeds these five-year deadlines, opening the door to lawsuits and creating an uncertain regulatory landscape for manufacturers.

Time for Congress to Restore Balance. Manufacturers need Congress to step up, provide much-needed implementation relief and revise this decades-old policy to give states more flexibility and adopt a policy that better reflects manufacturing and the 21st-century economy.

Figure 1: Areas Exceeding the EPA's 2015 Ozone Standards (70 ppb)



Based on a three-year period, 2012–2014.
Sources: URS, August 3, 2015; ESRI

Counties in **Maryland** Exceeding the EPA's Ozone Standards at Risk to Be No-Grow Zones

County	Ozone Level (ppb)
Cecil	77
Calvert	76
Charles	76
Frederick	76
Montgomery	76
Prince George's	76
Anne Arundel	75
Baltimore	75
Carroll	75
Harford	75
Howard	75
Queen Anne's	75
Baltimore City	75
Kent	74
Somerset	74
Wicomico	74
Worcester	74
Dorchester	73
Caroline	73
Talbot	72
St. Mary's	72

Based on a three-year period, 2012–2014; modeled and interpolated data.
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