

# What's at Stake for **New Jersey** 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 New Jersey, 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 18 counties in New Jersey exceed the EPA's new standards, counties that are home to 208,263 manufacturing jobs. The barriers created by nonattainment are impacting manufacturers today.

**Local Voices Disregarded.** Ignoring pleas from leaders in New Jersey, 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**Outdated Law Ignores Current State of the Environment, Lacks Flexibility.** The administration set ozone standards so strict that many communities find themselves in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.

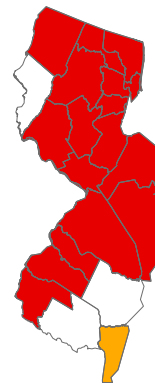
**Time for Congress to Restore Balance.** Manufacturers need Congress to step up, provide much-needed implementation relief and revise this decades-old policy to give states more flexibility and adopt a policy that better reflects manufacturing and the 21st-century economy.

"EPA should not revise the ozone NAAQS unless it can also promptly provide the states with the rules, guidance and tools necessary to implement it. EPA's rule to implement the current 75 ppb standard was only recently finalized, seven years late and close to the deadline for the first round of SIPS."

— New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Comments on the EPA's Proposed National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone (March 16, 2015)

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

- Areas with Monitors
- Unmonitored but Likely to Exceed 70 ppb



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

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

County	Ozone Level (ppb)
Burlington	77
Camden	77
Gloucester	77
Salem	77
Bergen	75
Essex	75
Hudson	75
Hunterdon	75
Middlesex	75
Monmouth	75
Morris	75
Ocean	75
Passaic	75
Somerset	75
Sussex	75
Union	75
Mercer	73
Cape May	73

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