

What's at Stake for **Texas** 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 Texas, 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 162 counties in Texas exceed the EPA's new standards, counties that are home to 674,738 manufacturing jobs. The barriers created by nonattainment are impacting manufacturers today.

Local Voices Disregarded. Ignoring pleas from leaders in Texas, 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Outdated Law Ignores Current State of the Environment, Lacks Flexibility.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.

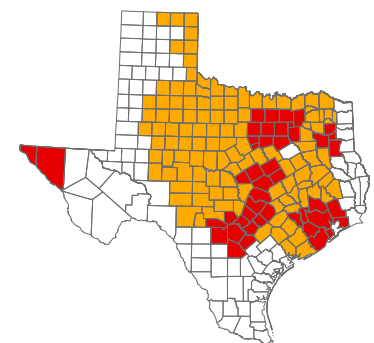
Time for Congress to Restore Balance. Manufacturers need Congress to step up, provide much-needed implementation relief and revise this decades-old policy to give states more flexibility and adopt a policy that better reflects manufacturing and the 21st-century economy.

"The TCEQ is continuing to work on implementing the existing ozone standard (75 ppb), other air quality standards and various other air regulations...A further lowering of the ozone standard would place additional financial strains on limited state budgets and would require a diversion of resources from other programs."

— The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Letter to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy (November 25, 2014)

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

County	Ozone Level (ppb)	County	Ozone Level (ppb)	County	Ozone Level (ppb)	County	Ozone Level (ppb)
Collin	81	Haskell	76	Kimble	73	Anderson	72
Dallas	81	Callahan	76	Bell	73	Garza	72
Denton	81	Jones	76	Coryell	73	Madison	72
Ellis	81	Taylor	76	Lampasas	73	Gonzales	72
Hood	81	Eastland	76	Van Zandt	73	Red River	72
Hunt	81	Fannin	76	Cottle	73	Childress	72
Johnson	81	Erath	76	Fayette	73	Real	72
Kaufman	81	Baylor	75	Matagorda	73	Houston	72
Parker	81	Knox	75	Nolan	73	Falls	71
Rockwall	81	Runnels	75	Lee	73	McLennan	71
Somervell	81	Lamar	75	Coke	73	Collingsworth	71
Tarrant	81	Coleman	75	Scurry	73	Crosby	71
Wise	81	Delta	75	Hardeman	73	Lubbock	71
Austin	80	Comanche	75	Mason	73	Lynn	71
Brazoria	80	Concho	74	Mitchell	72	Motley	71
Chambers	80	Hopkins	74	Sterling	72	Glasscock	71
Fort Bend	80	McCulloch	74	San Jacinto	72	Howard	71
Galveston	80	Bosque	74	Llano	72	Sutton	71
Harris	80	Stonewall	74	Milam	72	Dawson	71
Liberty	80	Washington	74	Wood	72	Camp	71
Montgomery	80	Brazos	74	Kent	72	Gregg	71
Waller	80	Burleson	74	Franklin	72	Rusk	71
Atascosa	80	Robertson	74	Lavaca	72	Upshur	71
Bandera	80	King	74	Polk	72	Smith	71
Bexar	80	Hill	74	Gillespie	72	Jackson	71
Comal	80	Wilbarger	74	Burnet	72	Titus	71
Guadalupe	80	Irion	74	Dickens	72	Wheeler	71
Kendall	80	Tom Green	74	El Paso	72	Lipscomb	71
Medina	80	Colorado	74	Hudspeth	72	Gray	71
Wilson	80	Schleicher	74	Edwards	72	Hemphill	71
Montague	78	Menard	74	Kerr	72	Floyd	71
Cooke	78	Hamilton	74	Bastrop	72	Cherokee	71
Archer	78	Brown	74	Caldwell	72	Ochiltree	71
Clay	78	San Saba	73	Hays	72	Morris	71
Wichita	78	Rains	73	Travis	72	Reagan	71
Jack	78	Fisher	73	Williamson	72	Hansford	71
Young	77	Mills	73	Leon	72		
Palo Pinto	77	Wharton	73	Blanco	72		
Grayson	77	Grimes	73	Limestone	72		
Stephens	77	Foard	73	Borden	72		
Shackelford	77	Trinity	73	Henderson	72		
Throckmorton	76	Walker	73	Freestone	72		

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