NMED-AQB has embarked on a new Ozone Attainment Initiative (OAI) for attainment and maintenance of national ambient air quality standards for ozone in areas for which design values exceed 95% of the standard. Pursuant to 74-2-5.3.A:

*If the environmental improvement board or the local board determines that emissions from sources within its jurisdiction cause or contribute to ozone concentrations in excess of ninety-five percent of a national ambient air quality standard for ozone, it shall adopt a plan, including regulations, to control emissions of oxides of nitrogen and volatile organic compounds to provide for attainment and maintenance of the standard.*

Recent Design Values
Monitors within 95% of Standard as of 2017

Proposed Timeline
Fall 2018 – Planning for public meetings in 9+ Counties and opportunity for initial comments

Winter/Spring 2019 – Research on and review of possible options for mandatory or voluntary controls, and additional public outreach

Summer 2019 – Gather input on researched options with opportunity for further public input

Fall 2019 – Analyze feedback and develop rules and other measures for inclusion in a draft ozone attainment plan

Winter/Spring/Summer 2020 – Draft plan with formal comment period

Summer 2020 – Hearing to adopt a plan

*Albuquerque / Bernalillo County Department of Environmental Health is implementing parallel planning for sources located in Bernalillo County.*