

U.S. EPA Region 8 Four Corners Air Quality Update



The Clean Power Plan

- First-ever national standards that address carbon pollution from power plants
- On February 9, 2016, the Supreme Court stayed implementation of the CPP pending judicial review

Proposed 2015 Ozone

Implementation: SIP Requirements Rule

- On November 2, 2016, EPA proposed an approach to implementing the 2015 ozone standards
- This proposed action largely retains and updates the implementing regulations that apply for the 2008 ozone standards
- Region 8 states and the Ute Indian Tribe submitted designation recommendations for the revised ozone standard
- EPA will issue final designations in October 2017

Final Control Technique Guidelines (CTG) for the Oil and Gas Industry

- On October, 20, 2016, EPA issued the final CTG for reducing VOCs from existing sources in the oil and natural gas industry
- The final CTGs are designed to reduce VOCs from existing equipment and processes in states with ozone nonattainment areas classified as "Moderate" and above



Four Corners States; current ozone design values

Final Tribal Minor New Source Review Permit Rule

- On June 3, 2016, EPA published its Federal Indian Country Minor NSR Program
- The FIP will apply to new and modified minor sources used in oil and natural gas exploration and production operations that are or will be located in Indian country.

Monitoring

- Ozone monitoring in the Four Corners region is ongoing by CDPHE, NM Environment Department, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Navajo Nation, National Park Service, and US Forest Service.
- All Four Corners design values are below 70 ppb for 2012-2014 and 2013-2015.

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