

APPENDIX H

Attainment Status Classifications

Air Quality Control Regions (AQCRs) are classified according to their status with respect to each of the criteria pollutants for which ambient air quality standards have been established. The following general classifications are used. Standards for each pollutant are shown below.

Attainment: Any area (other than an area identified as a nonattainment area, as defined below) that meets the national primary or secondary ambient air quality standard for the pollutant.

Maintenance: An area that has gone from a nonattainment designation to an attainment designation. These areas have approved maintenance plans in place which include measures to maintain air quality above the national standard and contingency measures to implement if an area's air quality fails to meet the standard.

Nonattainment: Any area that does not meet (or that contributes to ambient air in a nearby area that does not meet) the national primary or secondary ambient air quality standard for the pollutant.

Unclassifiable: Any area that cannot be classified on the basis of available information as meeting or not meeting the national primary or secondary ambient air quality standard for the pollutant.

**STANDARDS FOR CLASSIFICATION OF
AREA AIR QUALITY ATTAINMENT STATUS
BY CRITERIA POLLUTANT**

CLASS	LEVEL (PPM)
OZONE	
Marginal	.121 up to .138
Moderate	.138 up to .160
Serious	.160 up to .180
Severe 1	.180 up to .190
Severe 2	.190 up to .280
Extreme	.280 and above

CARBON MONOXIDE

Moderate	9.1 to 16.4
Serious	16.5 and above

For ozone and CO; adjustment possible based on 5% rule

Classification Process

