



Criteria Air Pollutants

The Clean Air Act requires EPA to set National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for six commonly found air pollutants known as criteria air pollutants. Together with state, tribal and local air agencies we work to attain the standards throughout the country.

Managing Air Quality



- Process of reviewing the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) <https://epa.gov/criteria-air-pollutants/process-reviewing-national-ambient-air-quality-standards>
- Process to determine whether areas meet the NAAQS <https://epa.gov/criteria-air-pollutants/process-determine-whether-areas-meet-naaqs-designations-process>
- Process of working with areas to attain and maintain NAAQS <https://epa.gov/criteria-air-pollutants/process-working-areas-attain-and-maintain-naaqs-implementation-process>

Air Quality Standards



- Summary Table of the Current NAAQS <<https://epa.gov/criteria-air-pollutants/naaqs-table>>
- Information by pollutant <<https://epa.gov/criteria-air-pollutants/information-pollutant>>

Criteria Air Pollutant Information

- Carbon Monoxide <<https://epa.gov/co-pollution>>
- Lead <<https://epa.gov/lead-air-pollution>>
- Nitrogen Dioxide <<https://epa.gov/no2-pollution>>
- Ozone <<https://epa.gov/ground-level-ozone-pollution>>
- Particulate Matter <<https://epa.gov/pm-pollution>>
- Sulfur Dioxide <<https://epa.gov/so2-pollution>>

Additional Resources

- Air Emissions Inventories <<https://epa.gov/air-emissions-inventories>>
- Air Quality Management Process <<https://epa.gov/air-quality-management-process>>
- Air Quality Trends <<https://epa.gov/air-trends>>

- **AirNow — Air Quality Forecast** <<https://www.airnow.gov/>>
- **Clean Air Act** <<https://epa.gov/clean-air-act-overview>>
- **Greenbook — Nonattainment Areas** <<https://epa.gov/green-book>>
- **Hazardous Air Pollutants** <<https://epa.gov/haps>>
- **Indoor Air Quality** <<https://epa.gov/indoor-air-quality-iaq>>
- **Permitting Under the Clean Air Act** <<https://epa.gov/caa-permitting>>
- **Regional Consistency** <<https://epa.gov/title-v-operating-permits/current-regulations-and-regulatory-actions>>
- **State Implementation Plan Status Tools** <<https://epa.gov/air-quality-implementation-plans/tools-state-implementation-plan-sip-status>>
- **Visibility and Haze** <<https://epa.gov/visibility>>

Contact Us About Criteria Air Pollutants <<https://epa.gov/criteria-air-pollutants/forms/contact-us-about-criteria-air-pollutants>> to ask a question, provide feedback, or report a problem.

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