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by a reference method based on appendix D to this part and designated in accordance with part 53 of this chapter, is 0.08 parts per million (ppm), daily maximum 8-hour average.

- (b) The 8-hour primary and secondary ozone ambient air quality standards are met at an ambient air quality monitoring site when the average of the annual fourth-highest daily maximum 8 hour average ozone concentration is less than or equal to 0.08 ppm, as determined in accordance with appendix I to this part.
- (c) Until the effective date of the final Implementation of the 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone: State Implementation Plan Requirements Rule (final SIP Requirements Rule) to be codified at 40 CFR 51.1100 et seq., the 1997 ozone NAAQS set forth in this section will continue in effect, notwithstanding the promulgation of the 2008 ozone NAAQS under §50.15. The 1997 ozone NAAQS set forth in this section will no longer apply upon the effective date of the final SIP Requirements Rule. For purposes of the anti-backsliding requirements of §51.1105, §51.165 and Appendix S to part 51, the area designations and classifications with respect to the revoked 1997 ozone NAAQS are codified in 40 CFR

[62 FR 38894, July 18, 1997, as amended at 77 FR 30170, May 21, 2012; 80 FR 12312, Mar. 6, 2015]

#### § 50.11 National primary and secondary ambient air quality standards for oxides of nitrogen (with nitrogen dioxide as the indicator).

- (a) The level of the national primary annual ambient air quality standard for oxides of nitrogen is 53 parts per billion (ppb, which is 1 part in 1,000,000,000), annual average concentration, measured in the ambient air as nitrogen dioxide.
- (b) The level of the national primary 1-hour ambient air quality standard for oxides of nitrogen is 100 ppb, 1-hour average concentration, measured in the ambient air as nitrogen dioxide.
- (c) The level of the national secondary ambient air quality standard for nitrogen dioxide is 0.053 parts per million (100 micrograms per cubic

meter), annual arithmetic mean concentration.

- (d) The levels of the standards shall be measured by:
- (1) A reference method based on appendix F to this part; or
- (2) By a Federal equivalent method (FEM) designated in accordance with part 53 of this chapter.
- (e) The annual primary standard is met when the annual average concentration in a calendar year is less than or equal to 53 ppb, as determined in accordance with appendix S of this part for the annual standard.
- (f) The 1-hour primary standard is met when the three-year average of the annual 98th percentile of the daily maximum 1-hour average concentration is less than or equal to 100 ppb, as determined in accordance with appendix S of this part for the 1-hour standard
- (g) The secondary standard is attained when the annual arithmetic mean concentration in a calendar year is less than or equal to 0.053 ppm, rounded to three decimal places (fractional parts equal to or greater than 0.0005 ppm must be rounded up). To demonstrate attainment, an annual mean must be based upon hourly data that are at least 75 percent complete or upon data derived from manual methods that are at least 75 percent complete for the scheduled sampling days in each calendar quarter.

[75 FR 6531, Feb. 9, 2010]

#### § 50.12 National primary and secondary ambient air quality standards for lead.

- (a) National primary and secondary ambient air quality standards for lead and its compounds, measured as elemental lead by a reference method based on appendix G to this part, or by an equivalent method, are: 1.5 micrograms per cubic meter, maximum arithmetic mean averaged over a calendar quarter.
- (b) The standards set forth in this section will remain applicable to all areas notwithstanding the promulgation of lead national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) in §50.16. The lead NAAQS set forth in this section will no longer apply to an area one

year after the effective date of the designation of that area, pursuant to section 107 of the Clean Air Act, for the lead NAAQS set forth in §50.16; except that for areas designated nonattainment for the lead NAAQS set forth in this section as of the effective date of §50.16, the lead NAAQS set forth in this section will apply until that area submits, pursuant to section 191 of the Clean Air Act, and EPA approves, an implementation plan providing for attainment and/or maintenance of the lead NAAQS set forth in §50.16.

(Secs. 109, 301(a) Clean Air Act as amended (42 U.S.C. 7409, 7601(a)))

[43 FR 46258, Oct. 5, 1978, as amended at 73 FR 67051, Nov. 12, 2008]

## \$50.13 National primary and secondary ambient air quality standards for $PM_{2.5}$ .

- (a) The national primary and secondary ambient air quality standards for particulate matter are 15.0 micrograms per cubic meter ( $\mu g/m^3$ ) annual arithmetic mean concentration, and 35  $\mu g/m^3$  24-hour average concentration measured in the ambient air as  $PM_{2.5}$  (particles with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal 2.5 micrometers) by either:
- (1) A reference method based on appendix L of this part and designated in accordance with part 53 of this chapter; or
- (2) An equivalent method designated in accordance with part 53 of this chapter.
- (b) The annual primary and secondary  $PM_{2.5}$  standards are met when the annual arithmetic mean concentration, as determined in accordance with appendix N of this part, is less than or equal to  $15.0~\mu g/m^3$ .
- (c) The 24-hour primary and secondary  $PM_{2.5}$  standards are met when the 98th percentile 24-hour concentration, as determined in accordance with appendix N of this part, is less than or equal to 35  $\mu g/m^3$ .
- (d) Until the effective date of the final Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards: State Implementation Plan Requirements rule to be codified at 40 CFR 51.1000 through 51.1016, the 1997 annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS set forth in this section will continue in effect, notwithstanding the

promulgation of the 2012 primary annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS under §50.18. The 1997 primary annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS set forth in this section will no longer apply upon the effective date of the final Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards: State Implementation Plan Requirements rule; except that for areas designated nonattainment for the 1997 annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS set forth in this section as of the effective date of the final Fine Particulate Matter National Ambient Air Quality Standards: State Implementation Plan Requirements rule, the requirements applicable to the 1997 primary annual PM2.5 NAAQS set forth in this section will apply until the effective date of an area's redesignation to attainment for the 1997 annual PM25 NAAQS pursuant to the requirements of section 107 of the Clean Air Act. The 1997 secondary annual PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS and the 1997 24-hour PM2.5 NAAQS shall remain in effect. The area designations and classifications with respect to the 1997 annual and 24-hour PM25 NAAQS remain codified in 40 CFR part 81 in order to provide information on where the 1997 primary annual  $PM_{2.5}$  NAAQS has been revoked and to facilitate the implementation of the 1997 secondary annual PM2.5 NAAQS and the 1997 24hour PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS.

[71 FR 61224, Oct. 17, 2006, as amended at 81 FR 58149, Aug. 24, 2016]

# § 50.14 Treatment of air quality monitoring data influenced by exceptional events.

- (a) Requirements—(1) Scope. (i) This section applies to the treatment of data showing exceedances or violations of any national ambient air quality standard for purposes of the following types of regulatory determinations by the Administrator:
- (A) An action to designate an area, pursuant to Clean Air Act section 107(d)(1), or redesignate an area, pursuant to Clean Air Act section 107(d)(3), for a particular national ambient air quality standard:
- (B) The assignment or re-assignment of a classification category to a nonattainment area where such classification is based on a comparison of pollutant design values, calculated according