

# **Clean Air Act Update** 2016 Gas and Power Institute

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- 3. Texas Nuisance case law
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# **Ozone Standard History**

### 1-hour ozone standard 125 ppb

- Promulgated in Feb. 1979
- Revoked by EPA in Jun. 2005

#### 8-hour ozone standard 85 ppb

- Promulgated in 1997
- Revocation signed on 2/13/15

## 8-hour ozone standard 75 ppb

- Promulgated in 2008
- Implementation Rule signed on 2/13/15

#### 8-hour ozone standard 70 ppb

- Promulgated on Oct. 1, 2015
- Effective December 28, 2015

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CSA/CBSA	County	2015 8Hr Ozone DV (ppb)	2015 Ozone Designation  Values by Count
Dallas-Fort Worth	Denton	83	values by count
ouston-The Woodlands	Brazoria	80	
Dallas-Fort Worth	Tarrant	80	
ouston-The Woodlands	Harris	79	
Antonio-New Braunfels	Bexar	78	
Dallas-Fort Worth	Collin	76	
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ouston-The Woodlands	Galveston	73	when the same of t
Dallas-Fort Worth	Hood	73	<del></del>
Dallas-Fort Worth	Johnson	73	
ouston-The Woodlands	Montgomery	73	
El Paso-Las Cruces	El Paso	71	
Dallas-Fort Worth	Rockwall	70	
Killeen-Temple	Bell	69	
Dallas-Fort Worth	Ellis	68	The track
Longview-Marshall	Gregg	68	
Beaumont-Port Arthur	Jefferson	68	
Austin-Round Rock	Travis	68	
Dallas-Fort Worth	Kaufman	67	
Waco	McLennan	67	
Tyler-Jacksonville	Tyler	67	A I I AY
Longview-Marshall	Harrison	66	
Dallas-Fort Worth	Navarro	66	2015 Eight-Hour Ozone
Beaumont-Port Arthur	Orange	66	Design Values (ppb)
Amarillo-Borger	Randall	66	- Dunk
rpus Christi-Kingsville- Alice	Nueces	65	≤ 70 71 - 75
Brewster County	Brewster	64	>75
Dallas-Fort Worth	Hunt	64	
Victoria-Port Lavaca	Victoria	64	No Data
Brownsville-Harlingen- Raymondville	Cameron	59	*2015 design values as of 4/1/2016.
Laredo	Webb	59	**The Brewster County, Randall County, and Polk County mon
McAllen-Edinburg	Hidalgo	56	the Clean Air Status and Trends Network (CASTNET) of monitor tali superior to the EPA APOL COUNTY does not have a yelld design v

## CAA Ozone Nonattainment Designations

CAA requires serious, severe or extreme nonattainment areas to be the equivalent of the "metropolitan statistical area" or "consolidated metropolitan statistical area." CAA Section 109(d)(4)(A)(iv).

 CBSA designations are based on evidence that the areas within the CBSA are closely integrated economically and socially and must meet the requirement of a MSA. 63 Fed. Reg. 70526, 70555 (Dec. 21, 1998).

#### **Consolidated Statistical Area (CSA)**

- Established in 2003 by the OMB and assumes only minimal interaction (roughly 15% commuting) between a micro or metro area.
- This is far less of a connection that either the CBSA or the CBSA predecessor, the Consolidated Metropolitan Statistical Area (CMSA).

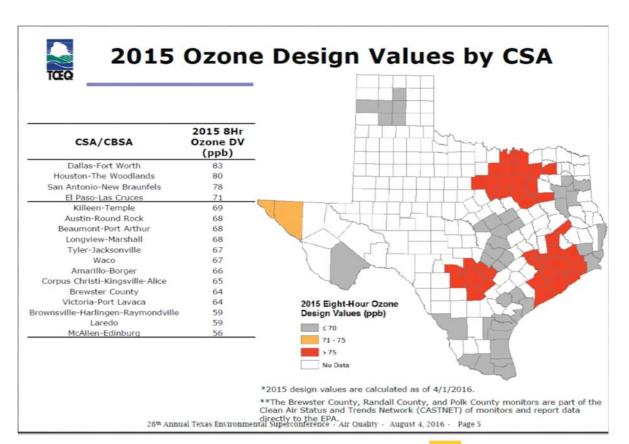
#### 2015 Ozone NAAQS Nonattainment Designation Guidance

 EPA will evaluate all counties in the CBSAs or CSAs associated with the violating monitor when determining ozone nonattainment areas

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