

TIMELINE FOR 2010 PRIMARY SO₂ NAAQS DESIGNATION PROCESS

MILESTONE	DATE**
ROUND 1 – Areas Associated with 2009-2011 Monitored Violations	
EPA signs notice promulgating final SO ₂ area designations for 29 nonattainment areas	July 25, 2013
FR Publication (78 FR 47191)	August 5, 2013
Effective Date	October 4, 2013
ROUND 2 – Areas Associated with 68 Power Plants & New Monitored Violations	
Court Order	March 2, 2015
States may submit updated recommendations and supporting information for area designations to EPA	No later than September 18, 2015
EPA notifies states concerning any intended modifications to their recommendations (120-day letters)	January 22, 2016 (no later than 120 days prior to final designations)
EPA publishes public notice of state recommendations and EPA's intended modifications and initiates 30-day public comment period	o/a February 3, 2016
End of 30-day public comment period	o/a March 4, 2016
States and tribes submit additional information, if desired, to demonstrate why an EPA modification is inappropriate	o/a April 8, 2016
EPA signs notice promulgating final SO ₂ area designations (no later than 16 months from Court Order)	No later than July 2, 2016
ROUND 3 – Modeled Areas and Areas w/o Monitors	
States submit air quality modeling results for selected areas (<i>per proposed SO₂ DRR*</i>)	January 13, 2017
EPA notifies states concerning any intended modifications to their recommendations (120-day letters)	No later than September 1, 2017
EPA signs notice promulgating final SO ₂ area designations (per Court Order)	No later than December 31, 2017
ROUND 4 – New Monitored Areas/All Remaining Areas	
States begin operating new monitoring network (<i>per proposed SO₂ DRR*</i>)	January 1, 2017
States certify 2019 monitoring data (to calculate 2017-2019 design value)	May 1, 2020
EPA notifies states concerning any intended modifications to their recommendations (120-day letters)	No later than September 2, 2020
EPA signs notice promulgating final SO ₂ area designations (per Court Order)	No Later than December 31, 2020

* Proposed SO₂ DRR = Data Requirements Rule for the 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS); Proposed Rule (79 FR 27446, May 13, 2014)

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