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Mr. Curt Spalding
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RE: Maine's Area Designation Recommendations for the 2015 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard

Dear Mr. Spaulding,

I am pleased to submit Maine's recommended designation under the October 1, 2015 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). Clean Air Act (CAA) §107(d)(1)(A) provides up to one year after adoption of new or revised NAAQS for states to submit recommendations identifying areas that violate or contribute to nearby violations of the revised NAAQS.

Consistent with CAA §107(d)(1)(A) and EPA guidance, Maine recommends that the entire state of Maine be designated as 'Attainment' for the 8-hour Ozone NAAQS.

Maine's Department of Environmental Protection (MEDEP) has monitored ozone as prescribed by *Ambient Air Quality Surveillance*, 40 C.F.R. pt. 58 app. D(2016) & app. E(2013). Fully quality assured monitored data demonstrates Maine is in compliance as presented in Attachment 1 with 68 parts per billion being the highest valid 2013-15 8-hour Ozone Design Value in Maine. Attachment 2 displays preliminary 2014-16 season-to-date 8-hour Ozone Design Values in the region showing that Maine and areas in nearby states continue to attain the revised Ozone NAAQS.

Furthermore, Maine does not contribute to any exceedances in the region as demonstrated by the Back Trajectory Analysis displayed in Attachment 3.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation. If you have questions, please call Marc Cone, Director of the Bureau of Air Quality at (207) 287-1932.

Sincerely,

Paul LePage
Governor

cc: Congressional Delegation
Paul Mercer, Maine DEP

Attachments

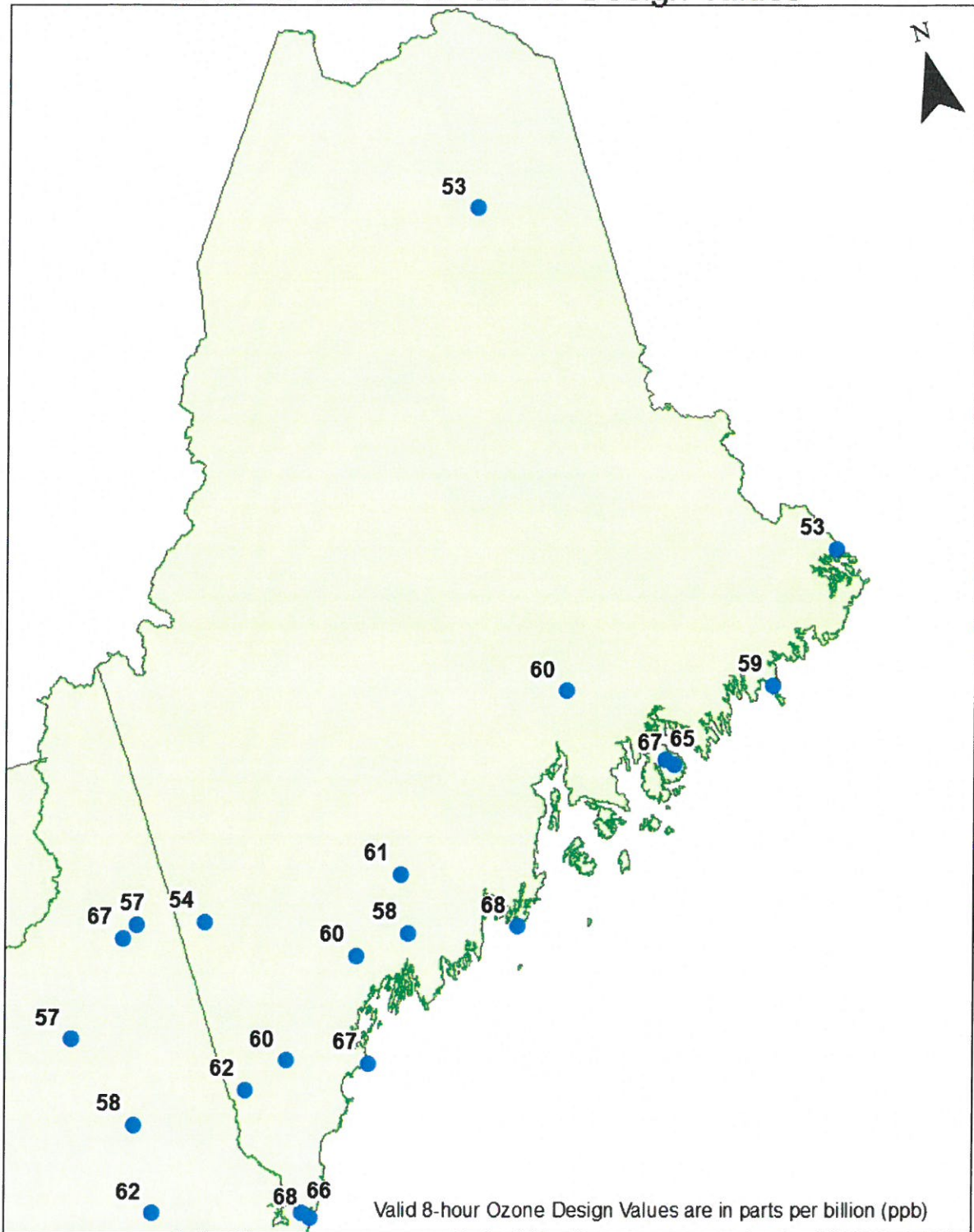


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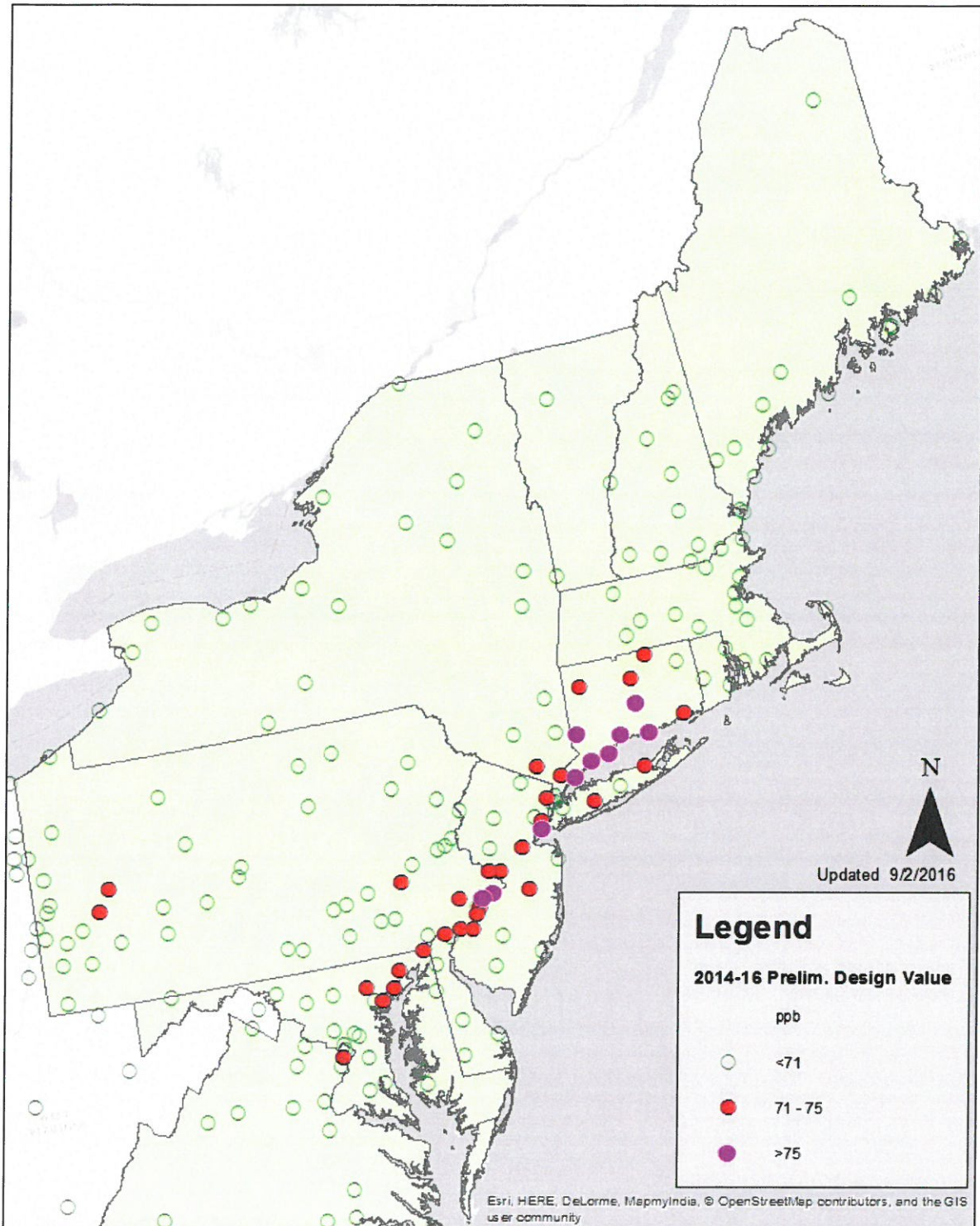
Attachment 1

2013-15 Valid 8-hr Ozone Design Values



Attachment 2

2014-16 Preliminary 8-hr Ozone Design Values



Back Trajectory Hourly Endpoints for Southern New England Nonattainment Areas

