

U.S. EPA FACT SHEET

Direct Final Rule: Air Plan Approval; Truckee Meadows (Washoe County), Nevada; Second 10-Year Carbon Monoxide Maintenance Plan

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Summary of Action:

In today's action, the EPA is granting direct final approval of the 2014 Maintenance Plan for the Truckee Meadows carbon monoxide maintenance area as a revision to the Nevada State Implementation Plan. The plan addresses continued maintenance in the area for the carbon monoxide (CO) national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) until 2030. EPA redesignated the area to attainment and approved the first maintenance plan in 2008. The EPA is also finding adequate and approving the plan's motor vehicle emissions budgets (MVEBs) for the years 2015, 2020, 2025 and 2030. As part of this direct final action, we are also proposing to approve the plan. If we receive adverse comments on the direct final approval, we will withdraw it and proceed with the proposal. The proposal provides a 30-day comment period.

Background:

EPA set the CO NAAQS in 1971. The primary CO NAAQS are attained when ambient concentration design values do not exceed either the 1-hour 35 parts per million (ppm) standard or the 8-hour 9 ppm standard more than once per year. In 1978, the Truckee Meadows area in Washoe County, Nevada was designated and classified as a moderate CO nonattainment area. In 2005, the EPA found that the area had attained the CO NAAQS and in 2008 the area was redesignated to attainment. There are no violations in the Truckee Meadows area of the 1-hour CO standard in records going back to 1980 and no violations of the 8-hour standard since 1991.

Under the CAA, a maintenance area must submit a second 10-year maintenance plan in the eighth year of their first maintenance plan. Accordingly, the State submitted the second maintenance plan on November 7, 2014. The EPA is approving this maintenance plan, which addresses maintenance of the CO NAAQS out to the year 2030.

Next Steps:

The *Federal Register* notices for this direct final approval will be published in approximately 2 to 3 weeks. The proposal provides a 30-day public comment period on this action.

More Information: <https://www.epa.gov/region9/air/actions/nv.html#washoe>