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## New National Ambient Air Quality Standards: Vital Information for Planning for Air Quality

*NOTE: Final EPA rulemakings on the implementation of the 8-hour ozone NAAQS and designation of nonattainment areas were signed April 15, 2004. Revisions to Transportation Conformity Rule are anticipated to be published just prior to this workshop.*

The focus of this workshop is to provide Nonattainment Areas (especially first-time areas and Early-Action-Compact Areas) the most up to date information to assist you in preparing for the implementation of the 8-hour ozone standard. The new NAAQS has implications for planning boundaries and coordination, conformity, CMAQ funding and more. Speakers from EPA and FHWA will explain the regulations and implications, and you'll hear from State and local peers about preparation activities and issues. You'll learn what the new rules say, how they are different from the past, the rationale for the changes, and how the new rules may impact your plans and processes.

### AGENDA

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| 11:00 – 11:05 | Welcome and Introductions<br>Moderator, <i>Mark Simons</i><br>U.S. EPA – Office of Transportation and Air Quality   |
| 11:05 – 11:20 | The New 8-hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS): Implications for New and Existing Nonattainment Areas<br><i>John Silvasi</i> , U.S. EPA – Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards   |
| 11:20 – 11:45 | Conformity Under the New NAAQS – Impacts on the Planning Process<br><i>Rudy Kapichak</i> , U.S. EPA – Transportation & Regional Programs Division<br><i>Cecilia Ho</i> , FHWA – Office of Natural & Human Environment   |
| 11:45 – 12:15 | How New NAAQS Will Change CMAQ Apportionment<br><i>Jim Thorne</i> , FHWA Resource Center, Metropolitan Planning Specialist  |
| 12:15 – 2:00  | Lunch   |
| 2:00 – 3:30   | Regional Perspectives on Implementing the New NAAQS<br><i>Mike Rodgers</i> , Illinois EPA – Division of Mobile Source Programs<br><i>Patricia Berry</i> , Director, Transportation Implementation Plan, Chicago Area Transportation Study<br><i>Cathy Stephens</i> , Air Quality Program Manager, CAMPO, Austin, TX<br><i>John Tippett</i> , Transportation Director, Western Piedmont Council of Governments |
| 3:30 – 3:45   | Break   |
| 3:45 – 4:45   | Lessons from North Carolina Case Studies on Preparation Activities<br><i>Jonathan Makler</i> , Transportation Planner, IBI Group, Inc.  |
| 4:45 – 5:00   | Wrap-up<br><i>Kathy Daniel</i><br>FHWA, Office of Natural and Human Environment   |

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## REGISTRATION

**The New National Ambient Air Quality Standards:  
 Vital Information for Planning Air Quality Workshop**

Monday June 28, 2004  
 11:00 am – 5:00 pm  
 \$75.00 (Includes Lunch and Coffee)

The Westin Michigan Avenue  
 909 North Michigan Avenue  
 Chicago, IL 60611

For Hotel Reservations Call: 1-312-943-7200.  
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