

AQMP: A Regional Air Quality Planning Alternative

The purpose of the Air Quality Multi-Pollutant Process (AQMP) is to define the process by which an integrated air quality plan will be developed and implemented and to establish a timeline for such a plan. The process will focus on multi-pollutant strategies instead of single pollutant planning.

The objective is to establish a process by which the following can be incorporated into one comprehensive plan:

- **Attainment/Maintenance of NAAQS**
- **Risk reduction from Hazardous Air Pollutants**
- **Improvements in visibility and ecosystems health**
- **Integration with land use, transportation, energy and climate**

The process should include and examination of the “lay of the land”:

- **Current air quality issues in the region and future challenges**
- **Develop a conceptual model**
- **Focuses on state of air quality in region**
- **Focuses on communicating with stakeholders to disseminate information and receive feedback**
- **Outlines some key variables and tools to evaluate potential control strategies**

Benefits of an AQMP:

- **Current AQ issues demand regional technical planning approach; having a more structured schedule would allow States to coordinate efforts**
- **Will reduce duplicative SIP efforts**
- **Provide more certainty for regulated community**
- **Allows more comprehensive planning approach**