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Although seemingly a modest 0.05 ppm revision, EPA also announced that

LDEQ's most recent ozone monitoring data (2005-2007) show 16 parishes with design values above the new standard. Assuming EPA will employ the same general non-attainment area determination methods as in the past (based on Metropolitan Statistical Areas); Louisiana could now have as many as 26 parishes designated as non-attainment for ozone. The affected MSAs include: New Orleans-Metairie-Kenner, Baton Rouge, Lafayette, Shreveport-Bossier, Houma-Bayou Cane-Thibodaux, and Lake Charles. The Monroe MSA has a design value just 0.002 ppm below the new standard and could easily fall into non-attainment status over the next few summers as well. The parishes that will be newly designated as non-attainment under the new standard (expected in 2010) will become subject to many of the compliance burdens that the Baton Rouge area has experienced over the past two decades.

3. The public perception will be that there has been a degradation in the state's air quality. News articles will spin out of the newly affected MSAs, and local government, businesses and the public will become aware of new compliance requirements

classification of “severe” under the old 1-hour ozone standard. They must continue planning for attainment of the old 8-hour ozone standard in spite of the recent remand of EPA’s implementation rules. And, they must now begin the process of informing parishes that will be affected by the new standard what to expect as the new standard is implemented.

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