

U.S. EPA DETERMINES THAT VENTURA COUNTY HAS ATTAINED THE 1997 FEDERAL 8-HOUR OZONE AIR QUALITY STANDARD

On November 19, 2012, Regional Administrator Jared Blumenfeld signed a final rule determining that Ventura County has attained the federal 1997 8-hour ozone air quality standard. This determination officially recognizes that we have attained the 1997 8-hour ozone standard and suspends certain requirements of our state implementation plan for the 1997 8-hour ozone standard, as long as we continue to attain the standard. The Federal Register notice for the final rule can be found [here](#). The rule becomes effective on January 2, 2013.

This is a major milestone in the decades-long efforts towards clean air for the citizens of Ventura County. However, it is not one that the District has been working towards alone. We have benefitted greatly from efforts of the California Air Resources Board (ARB), EPA, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the County of Ventura and local cities, the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), county businesses, and the public. We look forward to these cooperative efforts continuing as we work towards attaining the more stringent 2008 federal and the state ozone standards.