



What Happens If We Don't Meet the Standards?

Both Urban and Rural Emissions contribute to Missoula County PM_{2.5} Pollution.

The Missoula urban area has reduced woodstove emissions greatly over the past 25 years. But the surrounding areas have not been affected by regulations to reduce woodstove emissions.

If we do not stay under the Federal particulate standard we will become a "Federal Non-attainment Area" for PM_{2.5}.

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When designated "Non-Attainment" by EPA the Federal Clean Air requires that a legally enforceable plan, be developed to show how we would regain and maintain attainment with the PM_{2.5} standard.

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The Federally mandated plan must be enforceable by the Local, State and Federal governments and must have an adequate margin of safety to insure that the standard will be attained and maintained.

Refusal to develop an air attainment plan if we become non-attainment would result in the imposition of sanctions by the Federal Government. Sanctions would likely include: 1) Loss of Federal Highway dollars coming into the affected area and 2) Loss of EPA funds coming into the affected area

The development of an EPA approvable attainment plan would likely include:

- *Even stricter woodstove standards than those proposed (margin of safety required).*
- *Would impose very expensive emission standards on industrial sources (i.e. Pyramid Mt. Lumber and Smurfit Stone). These sources would be required to use the best air emission equipment available on future mill installations, regardless of cost. This places these sources at a economic disadvantage over other mills in attainment areas.*

Reducing emissions in those the county **NOW** will:

- **Help us stay under the daily standard and avoid non-attainment status and further Federal involvement**
- **Protect the health of sensitive groups including kids and grandparents**
- **Help protect the viability of our industries**

By taking reasonable steps **NOW** we may avoid more extensive requirements in the future.