

Appendix C - Maps and Tables of Area Designations for State and National Ambient Air Quality Standards

This attachment fulfills the requirement of Health and Safety Code section 40718 for CARB to publish maps that identify areas where one or more violations of any State ambient air quality standard (State standard) or national ambient air quality standard (national standard) have been measured. The national standards are those promulgated under section 109 of the federal Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. § 7409).

This attachment is divided into three parts. The first part comprises a table showing the levels, averaging times, and measurement methods for each of the State and national standards. This is followed by a section containing maps and tables showing the area designations for each pollutant for which there is a State standard in the California Code of Regulations, title 17, section 70200. The last section contains maps and tables showing the most current area designations for the national standards.

Table of Ambient Air Quality Standards

Ambient Air Quality Standards						
Pollutant	Averaging Time	California Standards ¹		National Standards ²		
		Concentration ³	Method ⁴	Primary ^{3,5}	Secondary ^{3,6}	Method ⁷
Ozone (O ₃) ⁸	1 Hour	0.09 ppm (180 µg/m ³)	Ultraviolet Photometry	—	Same as Primary Standard	Ultraviolet Photometry
	8 Hour	0.070 ppm (137 µg/m ³)		0.070 ppm (137 µg/m ³)		
Respirable Particulate Matter (PM ₁₀) ⁹	24 Hour	50 µg/m ³	Gravimetric or Beta Attenuation	150 µg/m ³	Same as Primary Standard	Inertial Separation and Gravimetric Analysis
	Annual Arithmetic Mean	20 µg/m ³		—		
Fine Particulate Matter (PM _{2.5}) ⁹	24 Hour	—	—	35 µg/m ³	Same as Primary Standard	Inertial Separation and Gravimetric Analysis
	Annual Arithmetic Mean	12 µg/m ³	Gravimetric or Beta Attenuation	9.0 µg/m ³	15.0 µg/m ³	
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	1 Hour	20 ppm (23 mg/m ³)	Non-Dispersive Infrared Photometry (NDIR)	35 ppm (40 mg/m ³)	—	Non-Dispersive Infrared Photometry (NDIR)
	8 Hour	9.0 ppm (10 mg/m ³)		9 ppm (10 mg/m ³)	—	
	8 Hour (Lake Tahoe)	6 ppm (7 mg/m ³)		—	—	
Nitrogen Dioxide (NO ₂) ¹⁰	1 Hour	0.18 ppm (339 µg/m ³)	Gas Phase Chemiluminescence	100 ppb (188 µg/m ³)	—	Gas Phase Chemiluminescence
	Annual Arithmetic Mean	0.030 ppm (57 µg/m ³)		53 ppb (100 µg/m ³)	Same as Primary Standard	
Sulfur Dioxide (SO ₂) ¹¹	1 Hour	0.25 ppm (655 µg/m ³)	Ultraviolet Fluorescence	75 ppb (196 µg/m ³)	—	Ultraviolet Fluorescence; Spectrophotometry (Pararosaniline Method)
	3 Hour	—		—	0.5 ppm (1300 µg/m ³)	
	24 Hour	0.04 ppm (105 µg/m ³)		0.14 ppm (for certain areas) ¹¹	—	
	Annual Arithmetic Mean	—		0.030 ppm (for certain areas) ¹¹	—	
Lead ^{12,13}	30 Day Average	1.5 µg/m ³	Atomic Absorption	—	—	High Volume Sampler and Atomic Absorption
	Calendar Quarter	—		1.5 µg/m ³ (for certain areas) ¹²	Same as Primary Standard	
	Rolling 3-Month Average	—		0.15 µg/m ³		
Visibility Reducing Particles ¹⁴	8 Hour	See footnote 14	Beta Attenuation and Transmittance through Filter Tape	No National Standards		
Sulfates	24 Hour	25 µg/m ³	Ion Chromatography			
Hydrogen Sulfide	1 Hour	0.03 ppm (42 µg/m ³)	Ultraviolet Fluorescence			
Vinyl Chloride ¹²	24 Hour	0.01 ppm (26 µg/m ³)	Gas Chromatography			

See footnotes on next page ...

1. California standards for ozone, carbon monoxide (except 8-hour Lake Tahoe), sulfur dioxide (1- and 24-hour), nitrogen dioxide, and particulate matter (PM10, PM2.5, and visibility reducing particles), are values that are not to be exceeded. All others are not to be equaled or exceeded. California ambient air quality standards are listed in the Table of Standards in Section 70200 of Title 17 of the California Code of Regulations.
2. National standards (other than ozone, particulate matter, and those based on annual arithmetic mean) are not to be exceeded more than once a year. The ozone standard is attained when the fourth highest 8-hour concentration measured at each site in a year, averaged over three years, is equal to or less than the standard. For PM10, the 24-hour standard is attained when the expected number of days per calendar year with a 24-hour average concentration above 150 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ is equal to or less than one. For PM2.5, the 24-hour standard is attained when 98 percent of the daily concentrations, averaged over three years, are equal to or less than the standard. Contact the U.S. EPA for further clarification and current national policies.
3. Concentration expressed first in units in which it was promulgated. Equivalent units given in parentheses are based upon a reference temperature of 25°C and a reference pressure of 760 torr. Most measurements of air quality are to be corrected to a reference temperature of 25°C and a reference pressure of 760 torr; ppm in this table refers to ppm by volume, or micromoles of pollutant per mole of gas.
4. Any equivalent measurement method which can be shown to the satisfaction of the CARB to give equivalent results at or near the level of the air quality standard may be used.
5. National Primary Standards: The levels of air quality necessary, with an adequate margin of safety to protect the public health.
6. National Secondary Standards: The levels of air quality necessary to protect the public welfare from any known or anticipated adverse effects of a pollutant.
7. Reference method as described by the U.S. EPA. An "equivalent method" of measurement may be used but must have a "consistent relationship to the reference method" and must be approved by the U.S. EPA.
8. On October 1, 2015, the national 8-hour ozone primary and secondary standards were lowered from 0.075 to 0.070 ppm.
9. On February 7, 2024, the national annual PM2.5 primary standard was lowered from 12.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ to 9.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. The existing national 24-hour PM2.5 standards (primary and secondary) were retained at 35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, as was the annual secondary standard of 15.0 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$. The existing 24-hour PM10 standards (primary and secondary) of 150 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ also were retained. The form of the annual primary and secondary standards is the annual mean, averaged over 3 years.
10. To attain the 1-hour national standard, the 3-year average of the annual 98th percentile of the 1-hour daily maximum concentrations at each site must not exceed 100 ppb. Note that the national 1-hour standard is in units of parts per billion (ppb). California standards are in units of parts per million (ppm). To directly compare the national 1-hour standard to the California standards the units can be converted from ppb to ppm. In this case, the national standard of 100 ppb is identical to 0.100 ppm.
11. On June 2, 2010, a new 1-hour SO₂ standard was established and the existing 24-hour and annual primary standards were revoked. To attain the 1-hour national standard, the 3-year average of the annual 99th percentile of the 1-hour daily maximum concentrations at each site must not exceed 75 ppb. The 1971 SO₂ national standards (24-hour and annual) remain in effect until one year after an area is designated for the 2010 standard, except that in areas designated nonattainment for the 1971 standards, the 1971 standards remain in effect until implementation plans to attain or maintain the 2010 standards are approved.

Note that the 1-hour national standard is in units of parts per billion (ppb). California standards are in units of parts per million (ppm). To directly compare the 1-hour national standard to the California standard the units can be converted to ppm. In this case, the national standard of 75 ppb is identical to 0.075 ppm.
12. The CARB has identified lead and vinyl chloride as 'toxic air contaminants' with no threshold level of exposure for adverse health effects determined. These actions allow for the implementation of control measures at levels below the ambient concentrations specified for these pollutants.
13. The national standard for lead was revised on October 15, 2008 to a rolling 3-month average. The 1978 lead standard (1.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ as a quarterly average) remains in effect until one year after an area is designated for the 2008 standard, except that in areas designated nonattainment for the 1978 standard, the 1978 standard remains in effect until implementation plans to attain or maintain the 2008 standard are approved.
14. In 1989, the CARB converted both the general statewide 10-mile visibility standard and the Lake Tahoe 30-mile visibility standard to instrumental equivalents, which are "extinction of 0.23 per kilometer" and "extinction of 0.07 per kilometer" for the statewide and Lake Tahoe Air Basin standards, respectively.

Area Designations for the State Ambient Air Quality Standards

The following maps and tables show the area designations for each pollutant with a State standard set forth in the California Code of Regulations, title 17, section 60200. Each area is identified as attainment, nonattainment, nonattainment transitional, or unclassified for each pollutant, as shown below:

Designation	Abbreviation
Attainment	A
Nonattainment	N
Nonattainment Transitional	NA-T
Unclassified	U

In general, CARB designates areas by air basin for pollutants with a regional impact and by county for pollutants with a more local impact. However, when there are areas within an air basin or county with distinctly different air quality deriving from sources and conditions not affecting the entire air basin or county, CARB may designate a smaller area. Generally, when boundaries of the designated area differ from the air basin or county boundaries, the description of the specific area is referenced at the bottom of the summary table.

Table 1 California Ambient Air Quality Standards Area Designations for Ozone¹

Area	Designations
GREAT BASIN VALLEYS AIR BASIN	
Alpine County	U
Inyo County	N
Mono County	N
LAKE COUNTY AIR BASIN	A
LAKE TAHOE AIR BASIN	A
MOJAVE DESERT AIR BASIN	N
MOUNTAIN COUNTIES AIR BASIN	
Amador County	N
Calaveras County	N
El Dorado County (portion)	N
Mariposa County	N
Nevada County	N
Placer County (portion)	NA-T
Plumas County	U
Sierra County	U
Tuolumne County	N
NORTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	A
NORTH COAST AIR BASIN	A
NORTHEAST PLATEAU AIR BASIN	A
SACRAMENTO VALLEY AIR BASIN	
Butte County	NA-T
Colusa and Glenn Counties	A
Shasta County	NA-T
Sutter/Yuba Counties	
Sutter Buttes	N
Remainder of Sutter County	A
Yuba County	A
Yolo/Solano Counties	NA-T
Remainder of Air Basin	N
SALTON SEA AIR BASIN	N
SAN DIEGO AIR BASIN	N
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AIR BASIN	NA-T
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR BASIN	N
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	
San Luis Obispo County	N
Santa Barbara County	NA-T
Ventura County	N
SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN	N

¹ AB 3048 (Olberg) and AB 2525 (Miller) signed into law in 1996, made changes to Health and Safety Code, section 40925.5. One of the changes allows nonattainment districts to become nonattainment-transitional for ozone by operation of law.

Figure 1



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**Table 2
California Ambient Air Quality Standards Area Designations for
Suspended Particulate Matter (PM₁₀)**

Area	Designations
GREAT BASIN VALLEYS AIR BASIN	N
LAKE COUNTY AIR BASIN	A
LAKE TAHOE AIR BASIN	N
MOJAVE DESERT AIR BASIN	N
MOUNTAIN COUNTIES AIR BASIN	
Amador County	U
Calaveras County	A
El Dorado County (portion)	N
Mariposa County	
- Yosemite National Park	N
- Remainder of County	U
Nevada County	U
Placer County (portion)	N
Plumas County	U
Sierra County	U
Tuolumne County	U
NORTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	N
NORTH COAST AIR BASIN	
Del Norte, Mendocino, Sonoma (portion) and Trinity Counties	A
Remainder of Air Basin	N
NORTHEAST PLATEAU AIR BASIN	
Siskiyou County	A
Remainder of Air Basin	U
SACRAMENTO VALLEY AIR BASIN	
Shasta County	A
Remainder of Air Basin	N
SALTON SEA AIR BASIN	N
SAN DIEGO AIR BASIN	N
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AIR BASIN	N
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR BASIN	N
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	N
SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN	N

Figure 2

2025 Area Designations for State Ambient Air Quality Standards PM10



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**Table 3
California Ambient Air Quality Standards Area Designations for
Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5})**

Area	Designations
GREAT BASIN VALLEYS AIR BASIN	A
LAKE COUNTY AIR BASIN	A
LAKE TAHOE AIR BASIN	A
MOJAVE DESERT AIR BASIN	A
MOUNTAIN COUNTIES AIR BASIN	
Plumas County	
- Portola Valley ²	N
- Remainder Plumas County	U
Remainder of Air Basin	U
NORTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	A
NORTH COAST AIR BASIN	A
NORTHEAST PLATEAU AIR BASIN	A
SACRAMENTO VALLEY AIR BASIN	
Butte County	A
Colusa County	A
Glenn County	A
Placer County (portion)	A
Sacramento County	A
Shasta County	A
Sutter and Yuba Counties	A
Remainder of Air Basin	U
SALTON SEA AIR BASIN	
Imperial County	
- City of Calexico ³	N
Remainder of Air Basin	A
SAN DIEGO AIR BASIN	N
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AIR BASIN	A
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR BASIN	N
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	A
SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN	N

² California Code of Regulations, title 17, section 60200(c)

³ California Code of Regulations, title 17, section 60200(a)

Figure 3

**2025
Area Designations for State
Ambient Air Quality Standards
PM_{2.5}**



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**Table 4
California Ambient Air Quality Standards Area Designations for
Carbon Monoxide***

Area	Designations
GREAT BASIN VALLEYS AIR BASIN	
Alpine County	U
Inyo County	A
Mono County	A
LAKE COUNTY AIR BASIN	A
LAKE TAHOE AIR BASIN	A
MOJAVE DESERT AIR BASIN	
Kern County (portion)	U
Los Angeles County (portion)	A
Riverside County (portion)	U
San Bernardino County (portion)	A
MOUNTAIN COUNTIES AIR BASIN	
Amador County	U
Calaveras County	U
El Dorado County (portion)	U
Mariposa County	U
Nevada County	U
Placer County (portion)	U
Plumas County	A
Sierra County	U
Tuolumne County	A
NORTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	
Monterey County	A
San Benito County	U
Santa Cruz County	U
NORTH COAST AIR BASIN	
Del Norte County	U
Humboldt County	A
Mendocino County	A
Sonoma County (portion)	U
Trinity County	U

Area	Designations
NORTHEAST PLATEAU AIR BASIN	U
SACRAMENTO VALLEY AIR BASIN	
Butte County	A
Colusa County	U
Glenn County	U
Placer County (portion)	A
Sacramento County	A
Shasta County	U
Solano County (portion)	A
Sutter County	A
Tehama County	U
Yolo County	A
Yuba County	U
SALTON SEA AIR BASIN	A
SAN DIEGO AIR BASIN	A
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AIR BASIN	A
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR BASIN	
Fresno County	A
Kern County (portion)	A
Kings County	U
Madera County	U
Merced County	U
San Joaquin County	A
Stanislaus County	A
Tulare County	A
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	A
SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN	A

* The area designated for carbon monoxide is a county or portion of a county

Figure 4

**2025
Area Designations for State
Ambient Air Quality Standards
CARBON MONOXIDE**



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**Table 5
California Ambient Air Quality Standards Area Designations for
Nitrogen Dioxide**

Area	Designations
GREAT BASIN VALLEYS AIR BASIN	A
LAKE COUNTY AIR BASIN	A
LAKE TAHOE AIR BASIN	A
MOJAVE DESERT AIR BASIN	A
MOUNTAIN COUNTIES AIR BASIN	A
NORTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	A
NORTH COAST AIR BASIN	A
NORTHEAST PLATEAU AIR BASIN	A
SACRAMENTO VALLEY AIR BASIN	A
SALTON SEA AIR BASIN	A
SAN DIEGO AIR BASIN	A
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AIR BASIN	A
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR BASIN	A
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	A
SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN	
CA 60 Near-road Portion of San Bernardino, Riverside, and Los Angeles Counties	A
Remainder of Air Basin	A

Figure 5

**2025
Area Designations for State
Ambient Air Quality Standards
NITROGEN DIOXIDE**



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**Table 6
California Ambient Air Quality Standards Area Designations for
Sulfur Dioxide***

Area	Designations
GREAT BASIN VALLEYS AIR BASIN	A
LAKE COUNTY AIR BASIN	A
LAKE TAHOE AIR BASIN	A
MOJAVE DESERT AIR BASIN	A
MOUNTAIN COUNTIES AIR BASIN	A
NORTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	A
NORTH COAST AIR BASIN	A
NORTHEAST PLATEAU AIR BASIN	A
SACRAMENTO VALLEY AIR BASIN	A
SALTON SEA AIR BASIN	A
SAN DIEGO AIR BASIN	A
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AIR BASIN	A
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR BASIN	A
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	A
SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN	A

* The area designated for sulfur dioxide is a county or portion of a county. Since all areas in the State are in attainment for this standard, air basins are indicated here for simplicity.

Figure 6

2025 Area Designations for State Ambient Air Quality Standards SULFUR DIOXIDE



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**Table 7
California Ambient Air Quality Standards Area Designations for
Sulfates**

Area	Designations
GREAT BASIN VALLEYS AIR BASIN	A
LAKE COUNTY AIR BASIN	A
LAKE TAHOE AIR BASIN	A
MOJAVE DESERT AIR BASIN	A
MOUNTAIN COUNTIES AIR BASIN	A
NORTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	A
NORTH COAST AIR BASIN	A
NORTHEAST PLATEAU AIR BASIN	A
SACRAMENTO VALLEY AIR BASIN	A
SALTON SEA AIR BASIN	A
SAN DIEGO AIR BASIN	A
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AIR BASIN	A
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR BASIN	A
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	A
SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN	A

Figure 7

2025
 Area Designations for State
 Ambient Air Quality Standards
 SULFATES



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**Table 8
California Ambient Air Quality Standards Area Designations for
Lead (particulate)***

Area	Designations
GREAT BASIN VALLEYS AIR BASIN	A
LAKE COUNTY AIR BASIN	A
LAKE TAHOE AIR BASIN	A
MOJAVE DESERT AIR BASIN	A
MOUNTAIN COUNTIES AIR BASIN	A
NORTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	A
NORTH COAST AIR BASIN	A
NORTHEAST PLATEAU AIR BASIN	A
SACRAMENTO VALLEY AIR BASIN	A
SALTON SEA AIR BASIN	A
SAN DIEGO AIR BASIN	A
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AIR BASIN	A
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR BASIN	A
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	A
SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN	A

* The area designated for lead is a county or portion of a county. Since all areas in the State are in attainment for this standard, air basins are indicated here for simplicity.

Figure 8

**2025
Area Designations for State
Ambient Air Quality Standards
LEAD**



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**Table 9
California Ambient Air Quality Standards Area Designations for
Hydrogen Sulfide***

Area	Designations
GREAT BASIN VALLEYS AIR BASIN	
Alpine County	U
Inyo County	A
Mono County	A
LAKE COUNTY AIR BASIN	A
LAKE TAHOE AIR BASIN	U
MOJAVE DESERT AIR BASIN	
Kern County (portion)	U
Los Angeles County (portion)	U
Riverside County (portion)	U
San Bernardino County (portion)	
- Searles Valley Planning Area ⁴	N
- Remainder of County	U
MOUNTAIN COUNTIES AIR BASIN	
Amador County	
- City of Sutter Creek	N
- Remainder of County	U
Calaveras County	U
El Dorado County (portion)	U
Mariposa County	U
Nevada County	U
Placer County (portion)	U
Plumas County	U
Sierra County	U
Tuolumne County	U

Area	Designations
NORTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	U
NORTH COAST AIR BASIN	
Del Norte County	U
Humboldt County	A
Mendocino County	U
Sonoma County (portion)	
- Geyser Geothermal Area ⁵	A
- Remainder of County	U
Trinity County	U
NORTHEAST PLATEAU AIR BASIN	U
SACRAMENTO VALLEY AIR BASIN	U
SALTON SEA AIR BASIN	
Riverside County (portion)	N
Imperial County	U
SAN DIEGO AIR BASIN	U
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AIR BASIN	U
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR BASIN	U
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	
San Luis Obispo County	A
Santa Barbara County	A
Ventura County	U
SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN	U

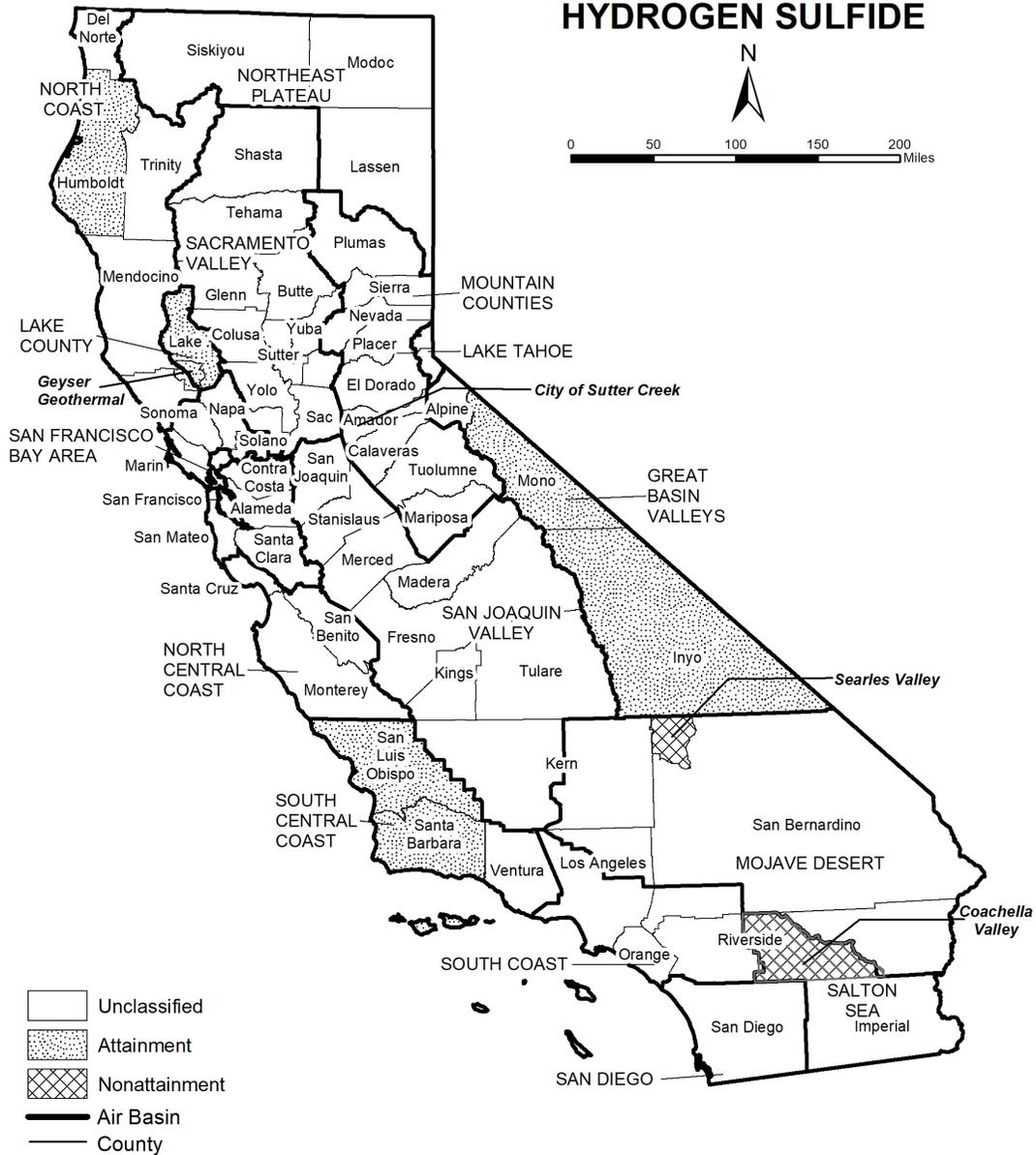
* The area designated for hydrogen sulfide is a county or portion of a county

⁴ 52 Federal Register 29384 (August 7, 1987)

⁵ California Code of Regulations, title 17, section 60200(d)

Figure 9

**2025
Area Designations for State
Ambient Air Quality Standards
HYDROGEN SULFIDE**



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**Table 10
California Ambient Air Quality Standards Area Designations for
Visibility Reducing Particles**

Area	Designations
GREAT BASIN VALLEYS AIR BASIN	U
LAKE COUNTY AIR BASIN	A
LAKE TAHOE AIR BASIN	U
MOJAVE DESERT AIR BASIN	U
MOUNTAIN COUNTIES AIR BASIN	U
NORTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	U
NORTH COAST AIR BASIN	U
NORTHEAST PLATEAU AIR BASIN	U
SACRAMENTO VALLEY AIR BASIN	U
SALTON SEA AIR BASIN	U
SAN DIEGO AIR BASIN	U
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AIR BASIN	U
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR BASIN	U
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	U
SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN	U

Figure 10

**2025
Area Designations for State
Ambient Air Quality Standards
VISIBILITY REDUCING PARTICLES**



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Area Designations for the National Ambient Air Quality Standards

The following maps and tables show the area designations for each pollutant with a national ambient air quality standard. These maps reflect all current national standards. For example, the map for Fine Suspended Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) reflects both the annual and the 24-hour standard. Additional information about the federal area designations is available on the U.S. EPA website: [Nonattainment Areas for Criteria Pollutants \(Green Book\)](#)

Over the last several years, U.S. EPA has been reviewing the levels of the various national standards. The agency has already promulgated new standard levels for some pollutants and is considering revising the levels for others. Information about the status of these reviews is available on the U.S. EPA website: [Criteria Air Pollutants](#)

On February 7, 2024, the U.S. EPA established a new national annual primary PM_{2.5} standard of 9.0 µg/m³. Area designations for this revised standard will be finalized in February 2026. Until that time, the current designation map will reflect the most previous 2012 annual average standard of 12.0 µg/m³ as well as the 24-hour standard of 35 µg/m³, last revised in 2006.

Designation Categories

Suspended Particulate Matter (PM₁₀). The U.S. EPA uses three categories to designate areas with respect to PM₁₀:

- Attainment (A)
- Nonattainment (N)
- Unclassifiable (U)

Ozone, Fine Suspended Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}), Carbon Monoxide (CO), Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂), and Lead. The U.S. EPA uses two categories to designate areas with respect to these standards:

- Nonattainment (N)
- Unclassifiable/Attainment (U/A)

Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂). The U.S. EPA uses three categories to designate areas with respect to the 1-hour and annual average sulfur dioxide standards. These designation categories are:

- Nonattainment (N),
- Unclassifiable (U), and
- Unclassifiable/Attainment (U/A).

Designation Areas

From time to time, the boundaries of the California air basins have been changed to facilitate the planning process. CARB generally initiates these changes, and they are not always reflected in the U.S. EPA's area designations. For purposes of consistency,

the maps in this attachment reflect area designation boundaries and nomenclature as promulgated by U.S. EPA. In some cases, these may not be the same as those adopted by CARB. For example, the national area designations reflect the former Southeast Desert Air Basin. In accordance with Health and Safety Code section 39606.1, CARB redefined this area in 1996 to be the Mojave Desert Air Basin and Salton Sea Air Basin. The definitions and boundaries for all areas designated for the national standards can be found in Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Chapter I, Subchapter C, Part 81.305. They are available on the web at: [Title 40 SECTION 81.305](#).

**Table 11
National Ambient Air Quality Standards Area Designations for
8-Hour Ozone***

Area	Designations
GREAT BASIN VALLEYS AIR BASIN	U/A
LAKE COUNTY AIR BASIN	U/A
LAKE TAHOE AIR BASIN	U/A
MOUNTAIN COUNTIES AIR BASIN	
Amador County	N
Calaveras County	N
El Dorado County (portion) ⁶	N
Mariposa County	N
Nevada County	
- Western Nevada County	N
- Remainder of County	U/A
Placer County (portion) ⁶	N
Plumas County	U/A
Sierra County	U/A
Tuolumne County	N
NORTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	U/A
NORTH COAST AIR BASIN	U/A
NORTHEAST PLATEAU AIR BASIN	U/A
SACRAMENTO VALLEY AIR BASIN	
Butte County	N
Colusa County	U/A
Glenn County	U/A
Sacramento Metro Area ⁶	N
Shasta County	U/A
Sutter County	
- Sutter Buttes	N
- Southern portion of Sutter County ⁶	N
- Remainder of Sutter County	U/A
Tehama County	
- Tuscan Buttes	N
- Remainder of Tehama County	U/A

Area	Designations
SACRAMENTO VALLEY AIR BASIN (cont.)	
Yolo County ⁶	N
Yuba County	U/A
SAN DIEGO COUNTY	N
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AIR BASIN	N
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR BASIN	N
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN ⁷	
San Luis Obispo County	
- Eastern San Luis Obispo County	N
- Remainder of County	U/A
Santa Barbara County	U/A
Ventura County	
- Area excluding Anacapa and San Nicolas Islands	N
- Channel Islands ⁷	U/A
SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN ⁷	N
SOUTHEAST DESERT AIR BASIN	
Kern County (portion)	N
- Indian Wells Valley	U/A
Imperial County	N
Los Angeles County (portion)	N
Riverside County (portion)	
- Coachella Valley	N
- Non-AQMA portion	U/A
San Bernardino County	
- Western portion (AQMA)	N
- Eastern portion (non-AQMA)	U/A

* Definitions and references for all areas can be found in 40 CFR, Chapter I, Part 81.305.

NOTE: This map and Table reflect the 2015 8-hour ozone standard of 0.070 ppm.

⁶ For this purpose, the Sacramento Metro Area comprises all of Sacramento and Yolo Counties, the Sacramento Valley Air Basin portion of Solano County, the southern portion of Sutter County, and the Sacramento Valley and Mountain Counties Air Basins portions of Placer and El Dorado counties.

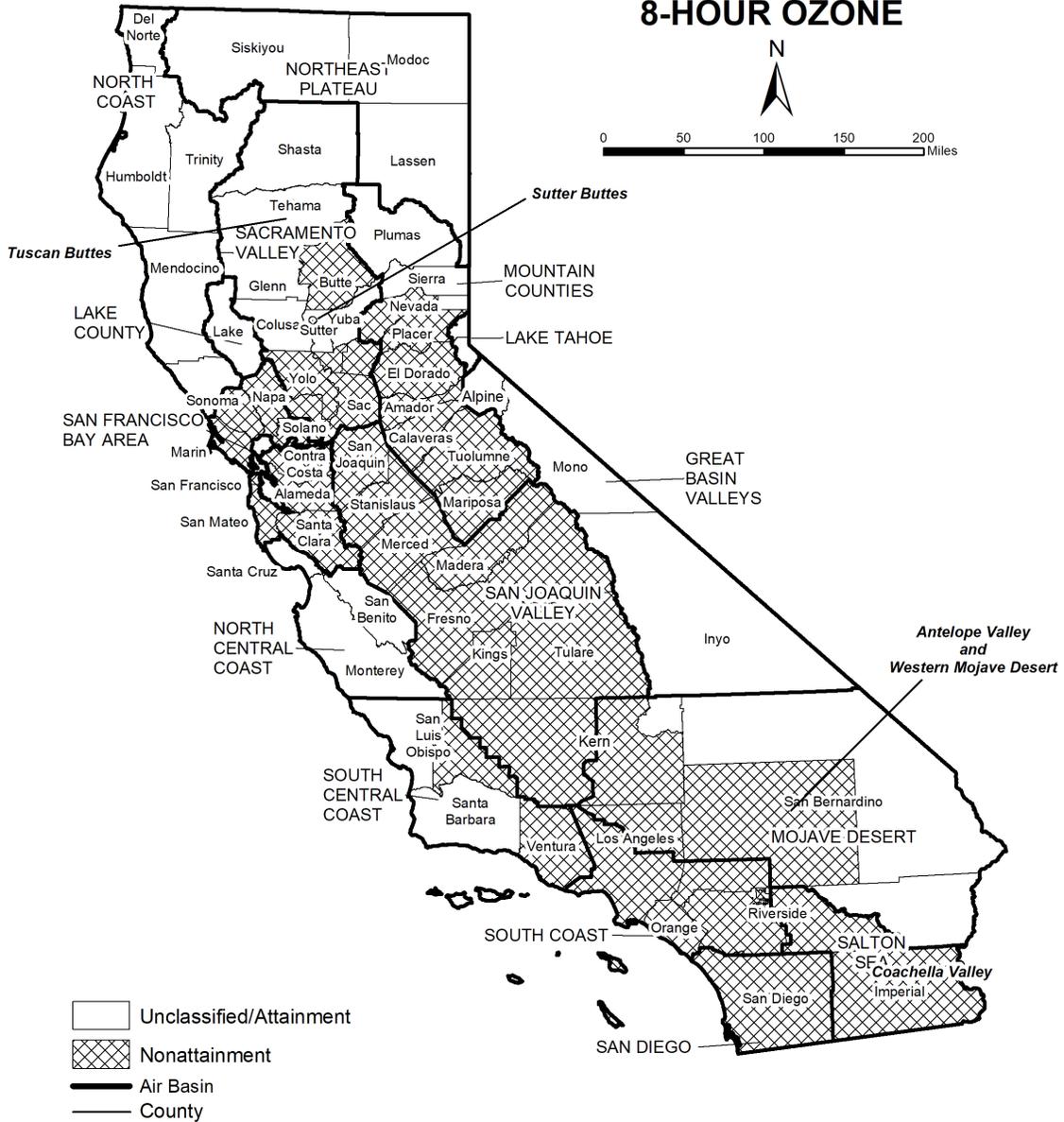
⁷ South Central Coast Air Basin Channel Islands:

Santa Barbara County includes Santa Cruz, San Miguel, Santa Rosa, and Santa Barbara Islands. Ventura County includes Anacapa and San Nicolas Islands.

South Coast Air Basin:
Los Angeles County includes San Clemente and Santa Catalina Islands.

Figure 11

Area Designations for National Ambient Air Quality Standards 8-HOUR OZONE



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Table 12 National Ambient Air Quality Standards Area Designations for Suspended Particulate Matter (PM₁₀)*

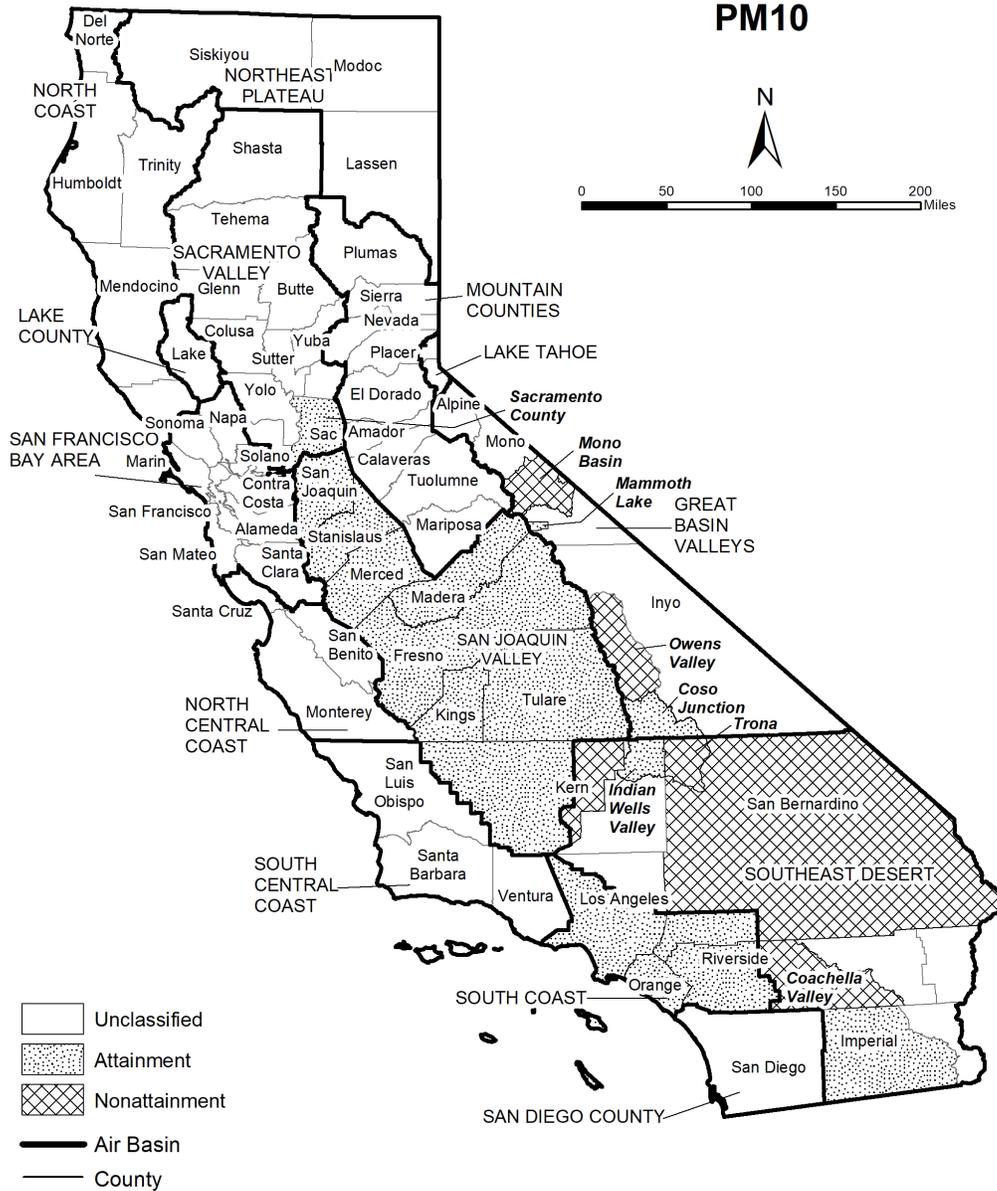
Area	Designations
GREAT BASIN VALLEYS AIR BASIN	
Alpine County	U
Inyo County	
- Owens Valley Planning Area	N
- Coso Junction	A
- Remainder of County	U
Mono County	
- Mammoth Lake Planning Area	A
- Mono Lake Basin	N
- Remainder of County	U
LAKE COUNTY AIR BASIN	U
LAKE TAHOE AIR BASIN	U
MOUNTAIN COUNTIES AIR BASIN	U
NORTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	U
NORTH COAST AIR BASIN	U
NORTHEAST PLATEAU AIR BASIN	U
SACRAMENTO VALLEY AIR BASIN	
Sacramento County	A
Remainder of Air Basin	U
SAN DIEGO COUNTY	U

Area	Designations
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AIR BASIN	U
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR BASIN	A
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	U
SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN	A
SOUTHEAST DESERT AIR BASIN	
Eastern Kern County	
- Indian Wells Valley	A
- Portion within San Joaquin Valley Planning Area	N
- Remainder of County	U
Imperial County	
- Imperial Valley Planning Area	A
- Remainder of County	U
Los Angeles County (portion)	U
Riverside County (portion)	
- Coachella Valley	N
- Non-AQMA portion	U
San Bernardino County	
- Trona	N
- Remainder of County	N

* Definitions and references for all areas can be found in 40 CFR, Chapter I, Part 81.305.

Figure 12

Area Designations for National Ambient Air Quality Standards PM10



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**Table 13
National Ambient Air Quality Standards Area Designations for
Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5})**

Area	Designations
GREAT BASIN VALLEYS AIR BASIN	U/A
LAKE COUNTY AIR BASIN	U/A
LAKE TAHOE AIR BASIN	U/A
MOUNTAIN COUNTIES AIR BASIN	
Plumas County	
- Portola Valley Portion of Plumas County	N
- Remainder of Plumas County	U/A
Remainder of Air Basin	U/A
NORTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	U/A
NORTH COAST AIR BASIN	U/A
NORTHEAST PLATEAU AIR BASIN	U/A
SACRAMENTO VALLEY AIR BASIN	
Sacramento Metro Area ⁸	N
Remainder of Air Basin	U/A
SAN DIEGO COUNTY	U/A
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AIR BASIN ⁹	N
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR BASIN	N
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	U/A
SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN ¹⁰	N
SOUTHEAST DESERT AIR BASIN	
Imperial County (portion) ¹¹	N
Remainder of Air Basin	U/A

* Definitions and references for all areas can be found in 40 CFR, Chapter I, Part 81.305.

NOTE: This map reflects the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard as well as the 1997 and 2012 PM_{2.5} annual standards.

⁸ For this purpose, Sacramento Metro Area comprises all of Sacramento and portions of El Dorado, Placer, Solano, and Yolo Counties. Air quality in this area meets the national PM_{2.5} standards. A Determination of Attainment for the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard was made by U.S. EPA in June 2017.

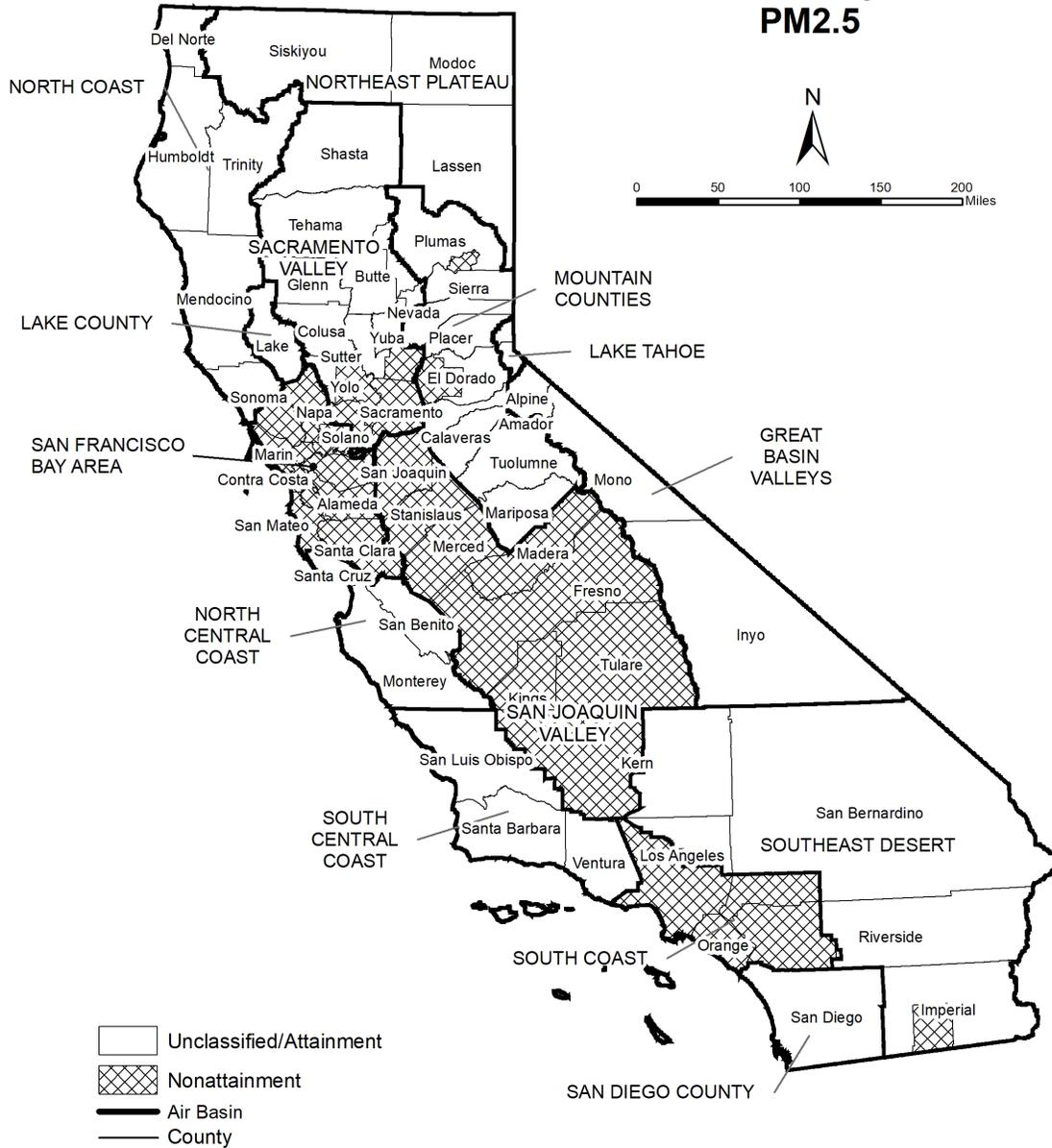
⁹ Air quality in this area meets the national PM_{2.5} standards. A Determination of Attainment for the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard was made by U.S. EPA in June 2017.

¹⁰ Those lands of the Santa Rosa Band of Cahulla Mission Indians in Riverside County are designated Unclassifiable/Attainment.

¹¹ That portion of Imperial County encompassing the urban and surrounding areas of Brawley, Calexico, El Centro, Heber, Holtville, Imperial, Seeley, and Westmorland. Air quality in this area meets the national PM_{2.5} standards. A Determination of Attainment for the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard was made by U.S. EPA in June 2017 and for the 2012 annual PM_{2.5} standard in February 2023. The area, however, has not been officially redesignated to attainment.

Figure 13

Area Designations for National Ambient Air Quality Standards PM2.5



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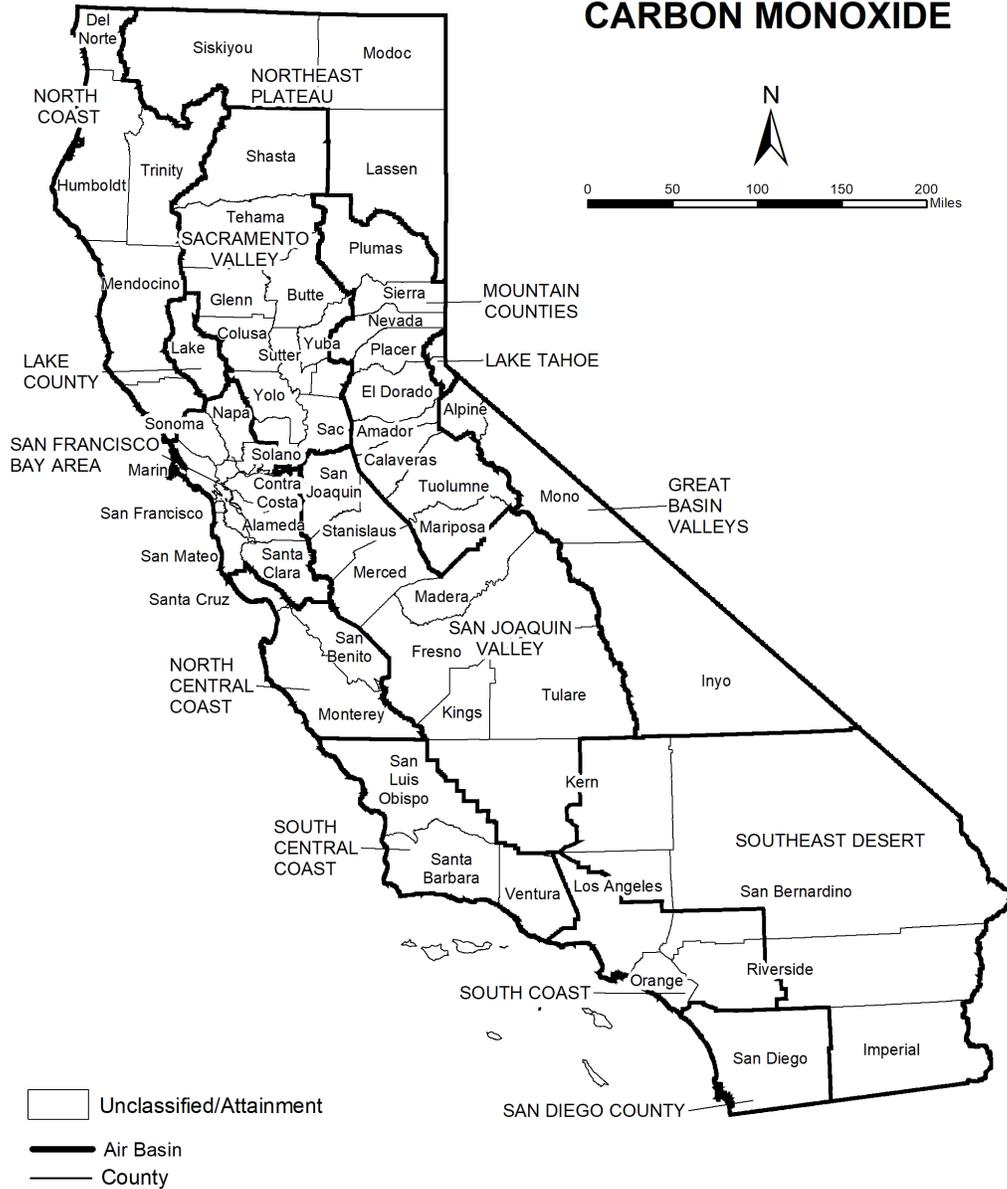
Table 14
National Ambient Air Quality Standards Area Designations for
Carbon Monoxide*

Area	Designations
GREAT BASIN VALLEYS AIR BASIN	U/A
LAKE COUNTY AIR BASIN	U/A
LAKE TAHOE AIR BASIN	U/A
MOUNTAIN COUNTIES AIR BASIN	U/A
NORTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	U/A
NORTH COAST AIR BASIN	U/A
NORTHEAST PLATEAU AIR BASIN	U/A
SACRAMENTO VALLEY AIR BASIN	U/A
SAN DIEGO COUNTY	U/A
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AIR BASIN	U/A
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR BASIN	U/A
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	U/A
SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN	U/A
SOUTHEAST DESERT AIR BASIN	U/A

* Definitions and references for all areas can be found in 40 CFR, Chapter I, Part 81.305.

Figure 14

**Area Designations for National Ambient Air Quality Standards
CARBON MONOXIDE**



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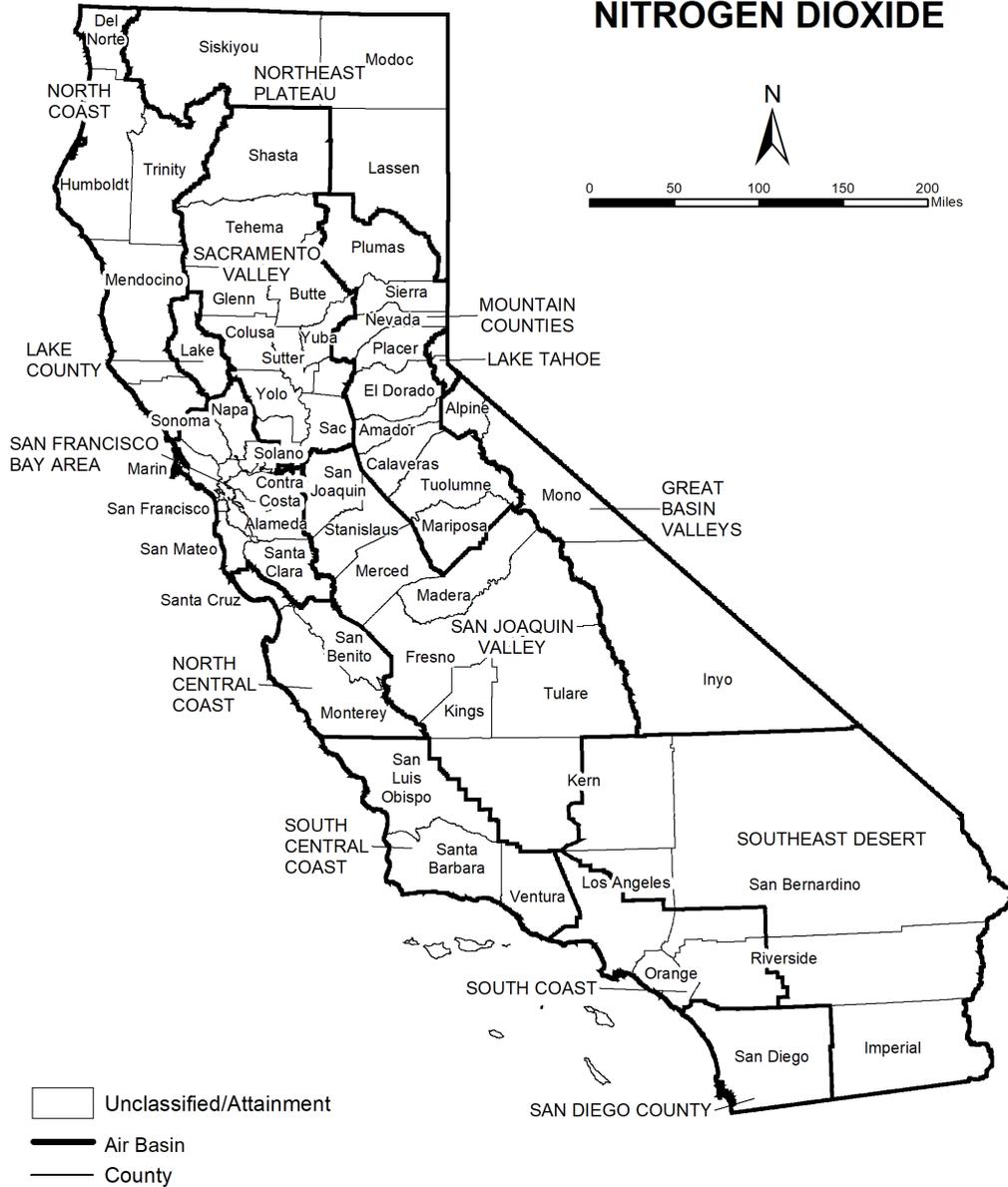
Table 15
National Ambient Air Quality Standards Area Designations for Nitrogen Dioxide*

Area	Designations
GREAT BASIN VALLEYS AIR BASIN	U/A
LAKE COUNTY AIR BASIN	U/A
LAKE TAHOE AIR BASIN	U/A
MOUNTAIN COUNTIES AIR BASIN	U/A
NORTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	U/A
NORTH COAST AIR BASIN	U/A
NORTHEAST PLATEAU AIR BASIN	U/A
SACRAMENTO VALLEY AIR BASIN	U/A
SAN DIEGO COUNTY	U/A
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AIR BASIN	U/A
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR BASIN	U/A
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	U/A
SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN	U/A
SOUTHEAST DESERT AIR BASIN	U/A

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Figure 15

Area Designations for National Ambient Air Quality Standards NITROGEN DIOXIDE



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**Table 16
National Ambient Air Quality Standards Area Designations for
Sulfur Dioxide***

Area	Designations
GREAT BASIN VALLEYS AIR BASIN	U/A
LAKE COUNTY AIR BASIN	U/A
LAKE TAHOE AIR BASIN	U/A
MOUNTAIN COUNTIES AIR BASIN	U/A
NORTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	U/A
NORTH COAST AIR BASIN	U/A
NORTHEAST PLATEAU AIR BASIN	U/A
SACRAMENTO VALLEY AIR BASIN	U/A
SAN DIEGO COUNTY	U/A
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AIR BASIN	U/A
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR BASIN	U/A
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN ¹²	U/A
SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN	U/A
SOUTHEAST DESERT AIR BASIN	U/A

* Definitions and references for all areas can be found in 40 CFR, Chapter I, Part 81.305.

NOTE: This map and table reflect the 2010 1-hour SO₂ standard of 75 ppb.

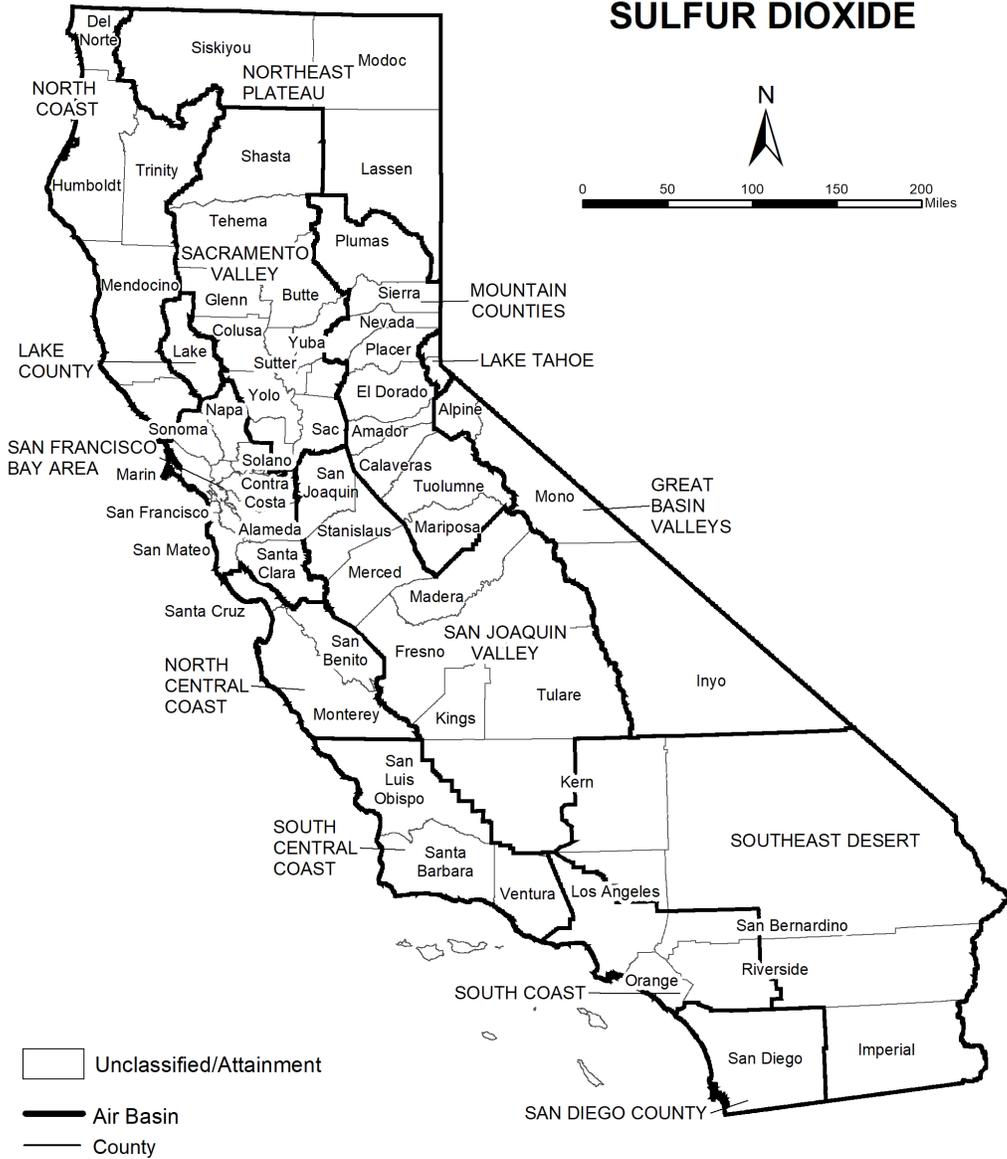
¹² South Central Coast Air Basin Channel Islands:

Santa Barbara County includes Santa Cruz, San Miguel, Santa Rosa, and Santa Barbara Islands.
Ventura County includes Anacapa and San Nicolas Islands.

Note that the San Clemente and Santa Catalina Islands are considered part of Los Angeles County, and therefore, are included as part of the South Coast Air Basin.

Figure 16

Area Designations for National Ambient Air Quality Standards SULFUR DIOXIDE



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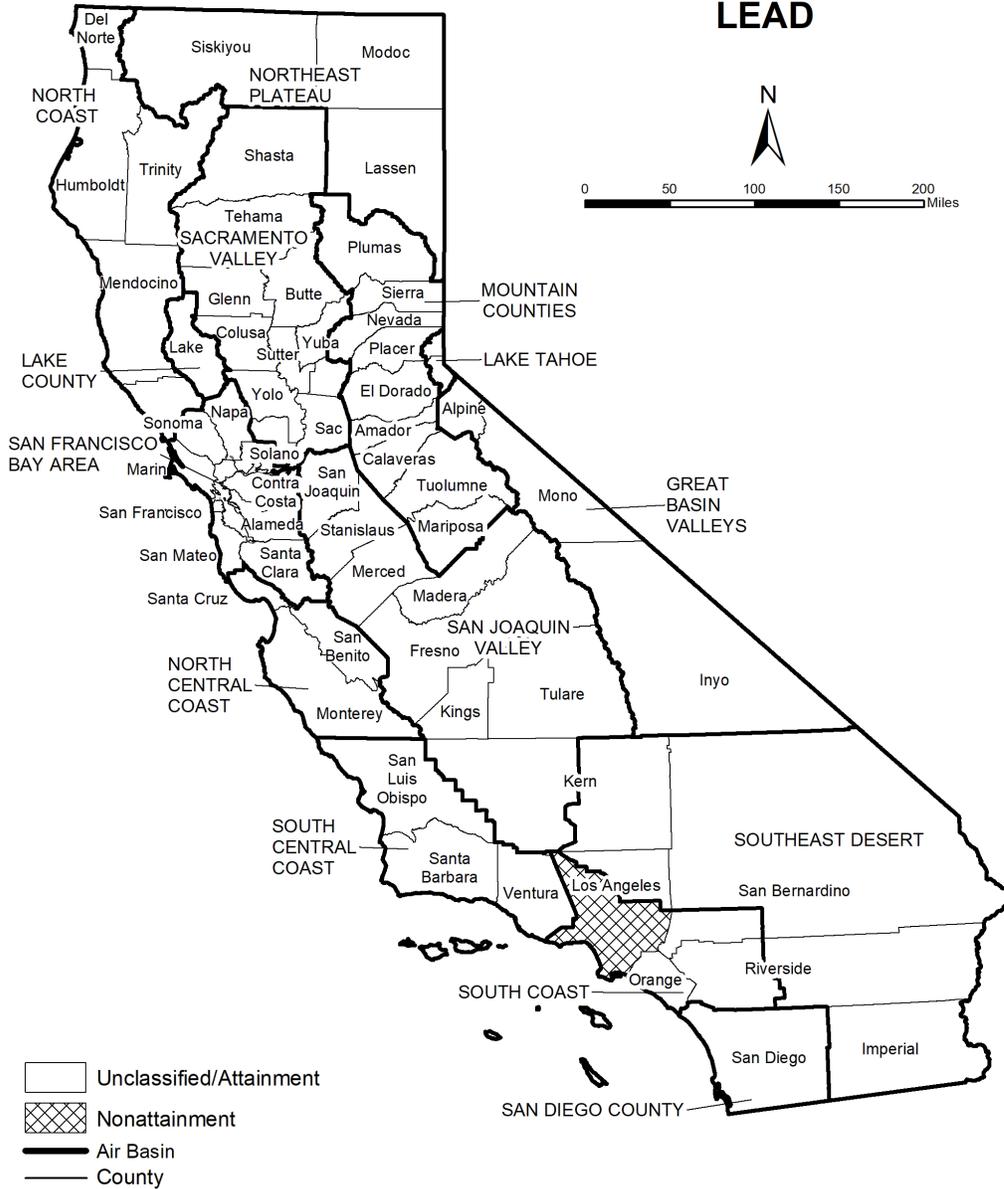
**Table 17
National Ambient Air Quality Standards Area Designations for
Lead (particulate)**

Area	Designations
GREAT BASIN VALLEYS AIR BASIN	U/A
LAKE COUNTY AIR BASIN	U/A
LAKE TAHOE AIR BASIN	U/A
MOUNTAIN COUNTIES AIR BASIN	U/A
NORTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	U/A
NORTH COAST AIR BASIN	U/A
NORTHEAST PLATEAU AIR BASIN	U/A
SACRAMENTO VALLEY AIR BASIN	U/A
SAN DIEGO COUNTY	U/A
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA AIR BASIN	U/A
SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR BASIN	U/A
SOUTH CENTRAL COAST AIR BASIN	U/A
SOUTH COAST AIR BASIN	
Los Angeles County (portion) ¹³	N
Remainder of Air Basin	U/A
SOUTHEAST DESERT AIR BASIN	U/A

¹³ Portion of County in Air Basin, not including Channel Islands

Figure 17

Area Designations for National Ambient Air Quality Standards LEAD



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