

ENVIRONMENTAL

NEWSFLASH

JULY 30, 2007

COMMENTS ON PROPOSED TOUGHER OZONE STANDARD MUST BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 9, 2007

On June 21, 2007, the US EPA proposed reducing the NAAQS for ground level ozone from the current .08 ppm, averaged over eight hours, to between .070 and .075 ppm. The agency also announced that it would take comments on maintaining the standard at the current level. The standard proposed by the US EPA is less stringent than the standard recommended by the EPA's Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee. Currently, 104 counties are non-attainment for ozone. It is estimated that 398 counties would violate a .075 ppm standard. The proposed rule is contained at 72 Fed. Reg. 37818 (July 11, 2007). Comments must be submitted by October 9, 2007.

WASHINGTON

.....

NEW YORK

.....

CHICAGO

.....

PHOENIX

.....

LOS ANGELES

.....

CENTURY CITY

.....

BRUSSELS

.....

LONDON

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
STEPTOE & JOHNSON LLP

JAMES DEROUIN
201 EAST WASHINGTON STREET, SUITE 1600
PHOENIX, AZ 85004
602.257.5237 ♦ 602.257.5299
JDEROUIN@STEPTOE.COM

