

MEMORANDUM

TO: Catherine Witherspoon
Executive Officer
Air Resources Board

FROM: Joan E. Denton, Ph.D.
Director

DATE: June 4, 2004

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR AN AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARD
FOR OZONE

Attached is the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment's (OEHHA) Recommendation for an Ambient Air Quality Standard for Ozone. We are recommending that the current 1-hour average standard of 0.09 parts per million (ppm) be retained and add an 8-hour standard of 0.070 ppm, both not to be exceeded. If the Board does not adopt an 8-hour standard, then the 1-hour standard should be lowered to 0.08 ppm, not to be exceeded.

These recommendations were developed pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 39606(b), which requires OEHHA to develop health-based recommendations for Ambient Air Quality Standards for the criteria air pollutants. These recommendations will be included in the public review draft of the joint ARB/OEHHA staff report on ozone and has been sent electronically to staff for incorporation into the staff report.

We would like to thank both Research Division and Planning and Technical Support Division staff for working with us to provide information during the development of our recommendations.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (916) 322-6325.

Attachment