

FY 2008 Draft NPM Guidance Review: OAR Highlights of Key Changes from FY 2007

Priorities and Strategies

Final FY 2007 Priorities	Draft FY 2008 Priorities
Implement the 8-Hour Ozone, PM _{2.5} , and Regional Haze Programs	Ozone, PM _{2.5} , and Regional Haze
Implement the Clean Air Interstate Rule	Clean Air Interstate Rule and Clean Air Mercury Rule
Implement the Clean Air Mercury Rule	
Implement the Integrated National Ambient Air Monitoring Strategy	Ambient Monitoring
Implement the Energy Policy Act	Mobile Sources
Implement Air Toxics Initiatives that Focus on Multi-Media and Cumulative Risks	Air Toxics
Implement OAR Partnership Programs and Initiatives	-
Title V Permits	Title V Permits
Implement Agency Priority Innovations	-

- OAR's top priorities reflect a renewed focus on core programs and support to states, regions and tribes.
- Strategic targets have been refined and outcome-oriented measures have been strengthened.
- FY 2008 includes increased emphasis on PM_{2.5} work.
- CAIR and CAMR are incorporated as innovative market-based strategies for achieving the program's goals.

Integration of Regional Priorities and Regional Priority Measures

National Program Managers (NPMs) were asked to review and evaluate regional priorities and measures as they developed their draft FY 2008 guidance, with the intent to align these to the greatest degree possible. Overall most NPMs found that the regional priorities and priority measures were closely related to national program priorities and measures. Specifically in the air program:

- Relevant regional priorities identified by the Regions in 2006 are consistent with and support OAR priorities. Air program-related regional priorities are: improving air quality towards attainment of the NAAQS (including developing and processing SIPs and requests for re-designations to attainment), providing support and working with entities to implement diesel emissions reductions projects, and conducting outreach and other activities in support of Energy Star Buildings benchmarking effort.

- There were varied degrees of alignment between the regional priority measures and those in the draft FY 2008 OAR Guidance. OAR reported that many regional priorities are strongly related to the annual commitments proposed for FY 2008. For example, the Northeast RPM “Report 8-hour ozone and PM_{2.5} redesignations to attainment” is strongly related to ACS measure QAQPS N09 “Regions review and take action within 18 months of receipt of any NAAQS redesignation requests”
- Of the regional priority measures which were neither included nor identified as aligned, the majority of the measures are not included because of timing – these regional priority measures represent actions or activities that OAR expects to have completed before FY 2008 (the period of concern for the Draft NPM Guidance).

Through the implementation of the FY 2008 NPM guidance and planning for the FY 2009 guidance, OCFO will continue to work with the NPMs and regions to evaluate and strengthen these linkages.

Proposed FY 2008 Measures

- OAR has reduced the overall number of its annual commitment measures from 88 in FY 2007 to 68 in FY 2008.
- State grant template measures remain the same from FY 2007.