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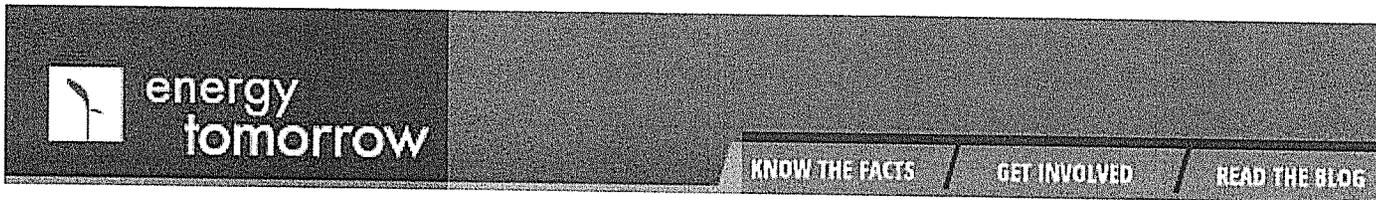
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New Ozone Regulations Could be Costliest Ever

Dear Lisa,

Current Ozone Standards Protect Public Health

Multiple experts agree that new ozone standards are not necessary to protect public health. There are "no detectable public

Job creation is about to get more difficult in America. New ozone regulations released by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) will place one-third of U.S. counties out of attainment and subject to costly mitigation measures. From factories paying to install additional emissions-control technology to construction projects denied government permits they need to get off the ground, the new ozone rules threaten to redirect resources away from creating jobs and toward meeting a standard that does not need to be tightened.

Ozone levels have already dropped 18 percent since 2000 even though the current standards haven't been fully implemented yet. In fact, the current standard of 75 parts per billion (ppb) imposed in 2008 is so strict that many areas are still struggling to meet it. EPA acknowledged as much recently by granting 19 metropolitan areas – including St. Louis, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C. – more time to comply. If so many jurisdictions have difficulty meeting the current standard, how much more costly could it be to achieve the new standard of 70 ppb?

Very costly. Virtually overnight, EPA's new rule increased the number of counties facing non-attainment status from 217 to 958 – a fourfold increase. Even pristine areas with no industrial activity such as national parks will potentially be out of attainment. It's no wonder hundreds of business groups across the nation representing manufacturers, builders, contractors and other job creators repeatedly urged the administration to keep the current standards in place.

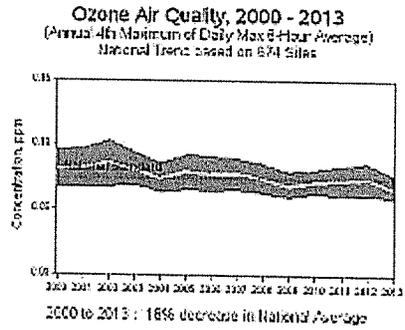
Unfortunately, the EPA has chosen to ignore the science and move ahead with unachievable regulations that could be the most costly in history despite ample evidence that new standards are not necessary to protect public health.

Further tightening the standards will not improve air quality any faster. What it will do is stifle job growth and harm the economy. It's time for Congress to step in and block this unnecessary and costly regulation.

Sincerely,

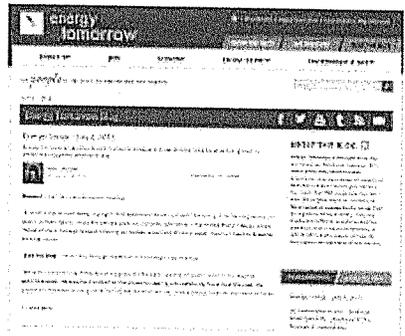
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health benefits" associated with ozone reductions, according to congressional testimony from NextHealth Technologies' chief sciences officer. Learn more about the science of ozone and public health.



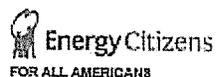
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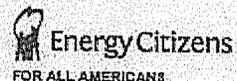


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