

TIMELINE FOR THE 2010 SO₂ NAAQS DESIGNATION PROCESS

MILESTONE	DATE
ROUNDS 1 AND 2 DESIGNATIONS	
ROUND 1 – Areas Associated with 2009-2011 Monitored Violations	
EPA signs notice promulgating final SO ₂ area designations for 29 nonattainment areas	July 25, 2013
FR Publication (78 FR 47191)	August 5, 2013
Effective Date	October 4, 2013
ROUND 2 – Areas Associated with 68 Power Plants & New Monitored Violations	
Court Order	March 2, 2015
States may submit updated recommendations and supporting information for area designations to EPA	No later than September 18, 2015
EPA notifies states concerning any intended modifications to their recommendations (120-day letters)	February 11, 2016
EPA publishes public notice of state recommendations and EPA's intended modifications and initiates 30-day public comment period	March 1, 2016
End of 30-day public comment period	March 31, 2016
States and tribes submit additional information, if desired, to demonstrate why an EPA modification is inappropriate	April 19, 2016
EPA signs notice promulgating final SO ₂ area designations (no later than 16 months from Court Order)	June 30, 2016
EPA signs notice promulgating final SO ₂ area designations for consent decree sources that were delayed	No later than August 31, 2016
DATA REQUIREMENTS RULE (DRR) AND ROUNDS 3 AND 4 DESIGNATIONS	
States submit list of sources that emitted more than 2,000 tpy of SO ₂ in 2014 for further characterization (<i>per SO₂ DRR</i>)	January 15, 2016
State specifies for each identified source whether it will monitor air quality, model air quality, or establish an enforceable limit (<i>per SO₂ DRR</i>).	July 1, 2016
ROUND 3 – Modeled Areas and Areas without Monitors	
States submit modeling protocol for sources that are being characterized through modeling (<i>per SO₂ DRR</i>)	July 1, 2016
States submit air quality modeling results for selected areas (<i>per SO₂ DRR</i>)	January 13, 2017
States submit documentation of federally enforceable emission limits and compliance (<i>per SO₂ DRR</i>)	January 13, 2017
EPA notifies states concerning any intended modifications to their recommendations (120-day letters)	No later than September 1, 2017
EPA signs notice promulgating final SO ₂ area designations (per Court Order)	No later than December 31, 2017

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ROUND 4 – New Monitored Areas/All Remaining Areas	
States submit revised network monitoring plans	July 1, 2016
States begin operating new monitoring network (<i>per SO₂ DRR</i>)	January 1, 2017
States certify 2019 monitoring data (to calculate 2017-2019 design value)	May 1, 2020
EPA notifies states concerning any intended modifications to their recommendations (120-day letters)	No later than September 2, 2020
EPA signs notice promulgating final SO ₂ area designations (per Court Order)	No Later than December 31, 2020