

Smoke Management Rule Proposal

Environmental Quality Commission

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Smoke Management Plan Review

Plan Review Goal:

- Ensure Plan implementation is balanced in achieving our two legislative policy directives in ORS 477.552.

Joint - Board of Forestry and Environmental Quality Commission

- Ashland Field Tour (November 2016)
- Eugene Forest Tour (November 2017)

Review Committee formed: May 2017

- 21 members representing public and private forestry, air quality, environment, public, government, and tribes

Board of Forestry: June 2018

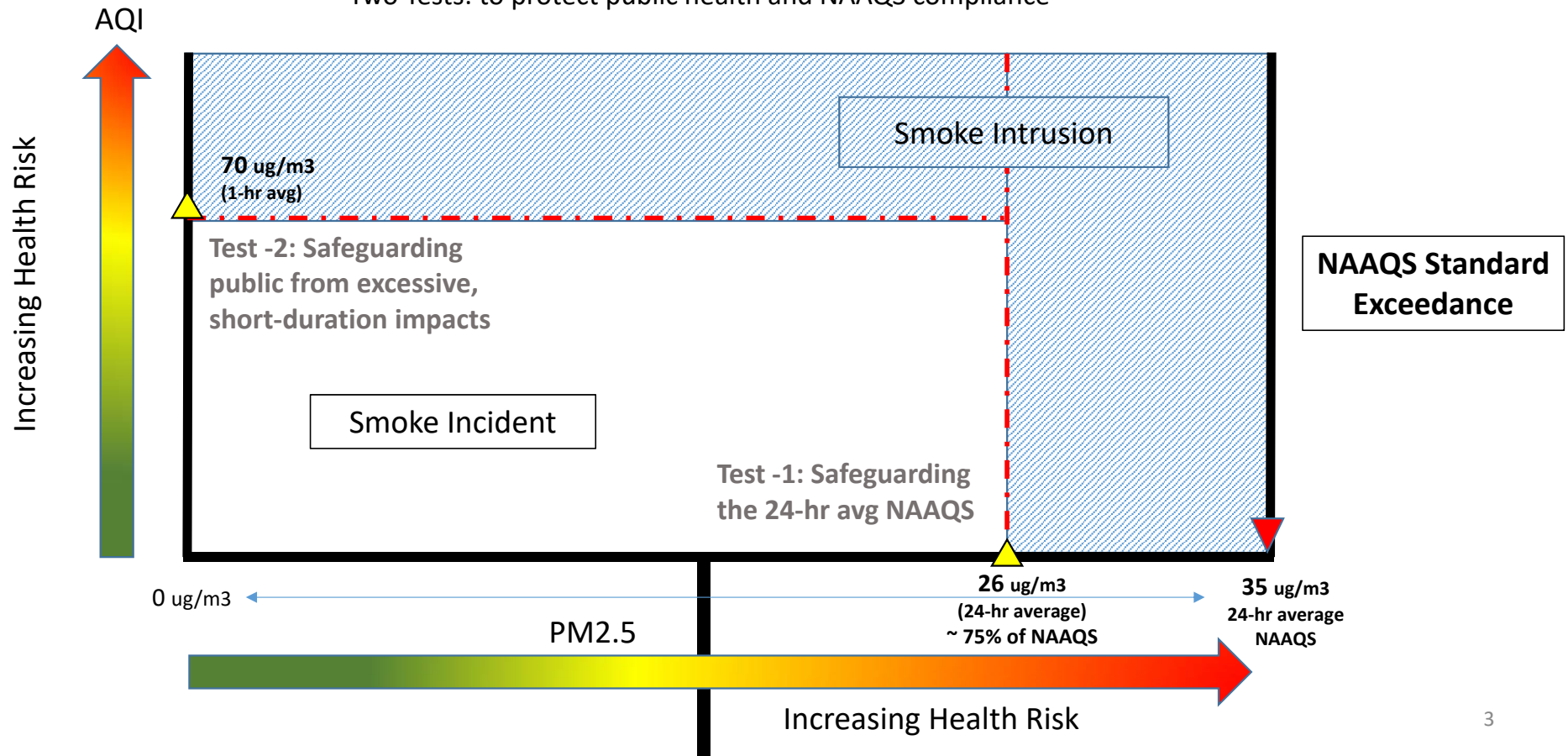
- Directed ODF to Initiate rule making process
- Included five public hearings around the state.

Board of Forestry: January 2019 – Agency Recommendation for Rule Adoption

Smoke Management Plan Key Recommendations

Air Quality Performance Criteria – intrusion definition change

Two Tests: to protect public health and NAAQS compliance



Smoke Management Plan Key Recommendations

Community Outreach/Response Plan and 1 Hour - Exemption Request

- **ODF and DEQ to develop/distribute a best-practices communication framework:**
 - Recognize purpose and importance of prescribed burning, and health risks of wildfire and prescribed fire smoke
 - Develop community response plans collaboratively with vulnerable SSRAs and coordinate through local public health authority
 - Response plan will include how officials and public can find out about daily burning, how to reduce risk to smoke exposure, and how community will be alerted to potential smoke impacts
- **Exemption request from one-hour intrusion threshold**
 - For SSRAs that need maximum opportunity for prescribed burning due to wildfire risks
 - Must be approved through local governing body, County Commissioners and ultimately approved through ODF and DEQ with input from OHA

Final Steps

- Enroll new rule with Secretary of State/ rule implementation (**February 2019**)
- Submit SIP to EPA for Review and Approval
- Implement new Plan for spring burning season (**March 2019**)