

Chapter 131. Ambient Air Quality Standards

§131.1. Purpose.

This chapter establishes the maximum concentrations of air contaminants which will be permitted to exist in the ambient air, at the point of its use, under various conditions and in various areas of this Commonwealth and to provide standards against which existing air quality may be compared.

§131.2. National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

The National Ambient Air Quality Standards, promulgated by the Administrator of the EPA under the Clean Air Act are hereby incorporated, by reference, as part of the standards in §131.3 (relating to ambient air quality standards).

§131.3. Ambient air quality standards.

The following standards apply and, unless otherwise stated, are maximum values that may not be exceeded:

Contaminant	Concentrations Averaged Over			
	1-Year	30-Days	24-Hours	1-Hour
Settled particulate	.8 mg./cm. ² /mo.	1.5 mg./cm. ² /mo.	--	--

§131.4. Application of ambient air quality standards.

The values specified in §§ 131.2 and 131.3 (relating to National Ambient Air Quality Standards; and ambient air quality standards) shall be considered as representing minimum quality, but not necessarily desirable quality. Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to preclude the Department from enforcing or applying any provision of this article in areas where the ambient air quality is, or will be, at concentrations less than those specified in §§ 131.2 and 131.3.