

# Update on the NO<sub>x</sub>/SO<sub>x</sub> Secondary NAAQS Review

Presentation to CASAC

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# Current Rulemaking Schedule

- Court Ordered Schedule for Rulemaking
  - Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: **Feb 12, 2010**
  - Final Rulemaking: **Oct 19, 2010**
- Due to scientific complexity and policy innovation involved in this review and the very limited time available under the current court order, we requested additional time from the plaintiffs to develop ecologically meaningful standard(s)
  - Plaintiffs rejected our request
- To meet statutory obligations and be consistent with court ordered schedule, we now see limited policy options for the current review:
  - Retain current secondary standards
  - Revise current standards by making secondary standards identical to primary standards (retain current secondary standard for SO<sub>2</sub>)
  - Revoke current secondary standards
- Our goal is now to continue and extend ongoing efforts into next review

# Implications for Policy Assessment and Next Review

- Policy Assessment in this review - focus on conceptual approach and key issues
  - Draft: August-September 2009
    - CASAC meeting tentatively scheduled for October 1
  - Final: November-December 2009
- Plan to continue assessment of policy approaches and more fully address key issues relating to the development of ecologically meaningful standard(s) in next review
  - This will allow for continued involvement of CASAC and the public in the policy development process
- Recommend commitment to accelerate next review, building on the new science, risk and exposure assessments, and policy approaches identified in this review
  - Plan to present new scientific evidence from ISA and REA results/ conclusions in proposal, as well as to solicit comment on conceptual approaches for development of new ecologically meaningful standards