

February 7, 2011

Dr. Holly Stallworth
Designated Federal Office
Science Advisory Board
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Dr. Stallworth:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s proposed new National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for ozone will hurt manufacturers' ability to create jobs and compete in the global marketplace. The proposal would lower the current standard of 75 parts per billion (ppb) to a range between 70 ppb and 60 ppb. This will result in significant costs, increased regulations and job losses.

Manufacturers are troubled that the EPA is proposing a new standard only two years after establishing the 75 ppb standard in 2008. According to a recent study by the Manufacturers Alliance (MAPI), lowering the current standard would cost 7.3 million jobs by 2020 and add \$1 trillion in new regulatory burdens between 2020 and 2030. In addition, a new standard would place many counties in our nation in violation of the requirements of the Clean Air Act. This will significantly hurt large and small businesses and hinder economic growth in many states.

Now is not the time to put even more high-paying manufacturing jobs at stake.

I strongly urge the CASAC Panel to recommend that the EPA not adopt this new, more stringent ozone standard.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Korbel
American Wire Producers Association (AWPA)