

Table 1 describes the milestones and submissions that compact areas are required to complete in order to

continue eligibility for a deferral of the effective date of nonattainment

designation for the 8-hour ozone standard.

TABLE 1.—EARLY ACTION COMPACT MILESTONES

Submittal date	Compact milestone
December 31, 2002 .....	Submit Compact for EPA signature.
June 16, 2003 .....	Submit preliminary list and description of potential local control measures under consideration.
March 31, 2004 .....	Submit complete local plan to State (includes specific, quantified and permanent control measures to be adopted).
December 31, 2004 .....	State submits adopted local measures to EPA as a SIP revision that, when approved, will be federally enforceable.
2005 Ozone Season (or no later than December 31, 2005).	Implement SIP control measures.
June 30, 2006 .....	State reports on implementation of measures and assessment of air quality improvement and reductions in NO <sub>x</sub> and VOC emissions to date.
December 31, 2007 .....	Area attains 8-hour ozone NAAQS.

According to the Protocol, EPA would recognize the local area's commitment to early, voluntary action by designating the compact areas violating the 8-hour NAAQS as nonattainment in April 2004 (at the time of national designations for all areas), but deferring the effective

date of the nonattainment designation, so long as all terms and milestones of the Compact continue to be met. A copy of the revised Protocol is available in the docket for this proposed rulemaking.<sup>8</sup>

#### VI. What Areas Are Participating in the Early Action Compact Program?

We have entered into compacts with 33 communities. A list of these areas is presented in Table 2.

TABLE 2.—8-HOUR OZONE EARLY ACTION COMPACT AREAS

Appalachian (Greenville-Spartanburg-Anderson Area), SC.  
 Austin-San Marcos Area, TX.  
 Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester (Charleston Area), SC.  
 Catawba (York-Chester-Lancaster-Union Counties), SC—part of Charlotte-Gastonia-Rock Hill Area.  
 Central Midlands (Columbia area), SC.  
 Chattanooga Area, TN-GA.  
 Denver Area, CO.  
 Fayetteville Area, NC.  
 Haywood County (near Memphis), TN.  
 Knoxville Area, TN.  
 Low Country (Beaufort area), SC.  
 Lower Savannah-Augusta (Augusta-Aiken area), GA-SC.  
 Memphis Area, TN-AR-MS.  
 Mountain Area of NC (Asheville area), NC.  
 Nashville Area, TN.  
 Northeast Texas Area (Longview-Marshall-Tyler Area), TX.  
 Northern Shenandoah Valley Region (Winchester/Frederick County), VA.  
 Oklahoma City Area, OK.  
 Pee Dee (Florence Area), SC.  
 Putnam County (Central TN, between Nashville and Knoxville), TN.  
 Roanoke Area, VA.  
 San Antonio Area, TX.  
 San Juan County (Farmington Area), NM.  
 Santee Lynches (Sumter Area), SC.  
 Shreveport-Bossier City Area, LA.  
 The Eastern Pan Handle Region (Martinsburg Area), WV.  
 Triad Area (Greensboro-Winston Salem-High Point), NC.  
 Tri-Cities Area (Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol Area), TN.  
 Tulsa Area, OK.  
 Unifour Area (Hickory-Morganton-Lenoir Area), NC.  
 Upper Savannah (Abbeville-Greenwood Area), SC.  
 Waccamaw (Myrtle Beach Area), SC.  
 Washington County (West of Washington, DC), MD.

<sup>8</sup> The Texas Protocol was submitted to EPA in March 2002 for review and was revised in

December 2002 based on the Agency's comments concerning the need for additional milestones and

other clarifications. Docket No. OAR-2003-0090-0004.