



AAPCA Update

2026 CAPCOA Spring Membership Meeting

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About AAPCA



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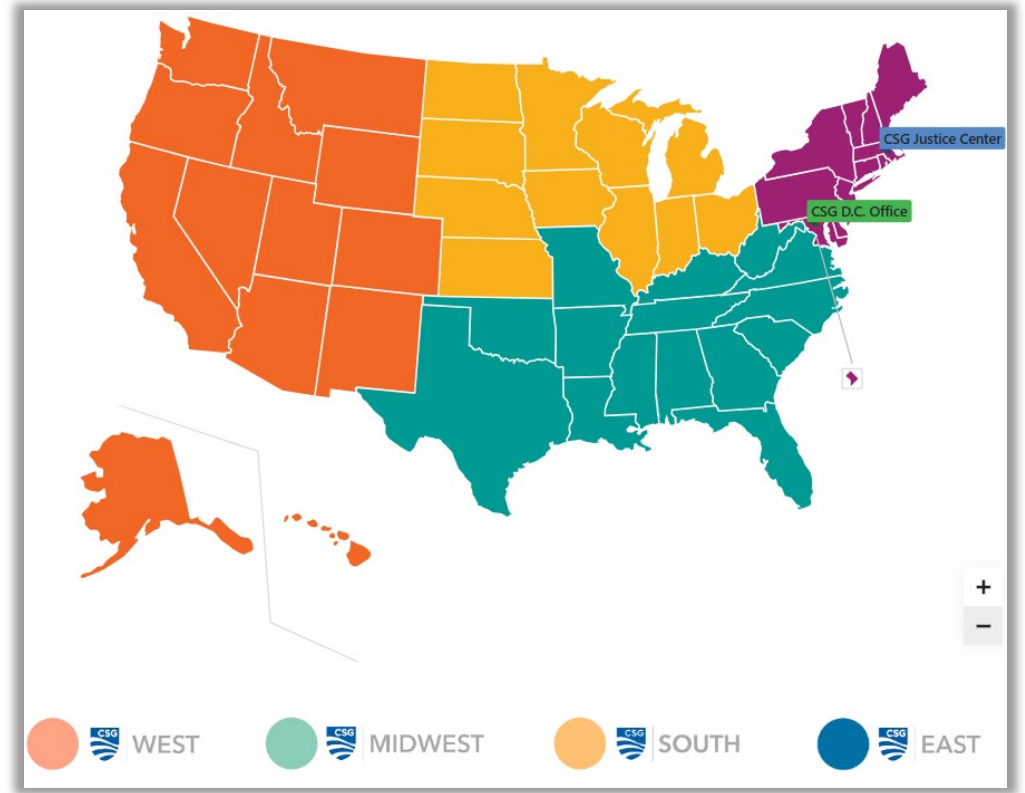
- Primary focus of assisting state and local air agencies with implementation and technical issues associated with the federal Clean Air Act
- Serve as a key conduit and forum for information and collaboration with U.S. EPA and other federal partners
- Consensus-driven
- Core staff: Executive Director and Policy & Membership Specialist
- More information: www.cleanairact.org



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The Council of State Governments

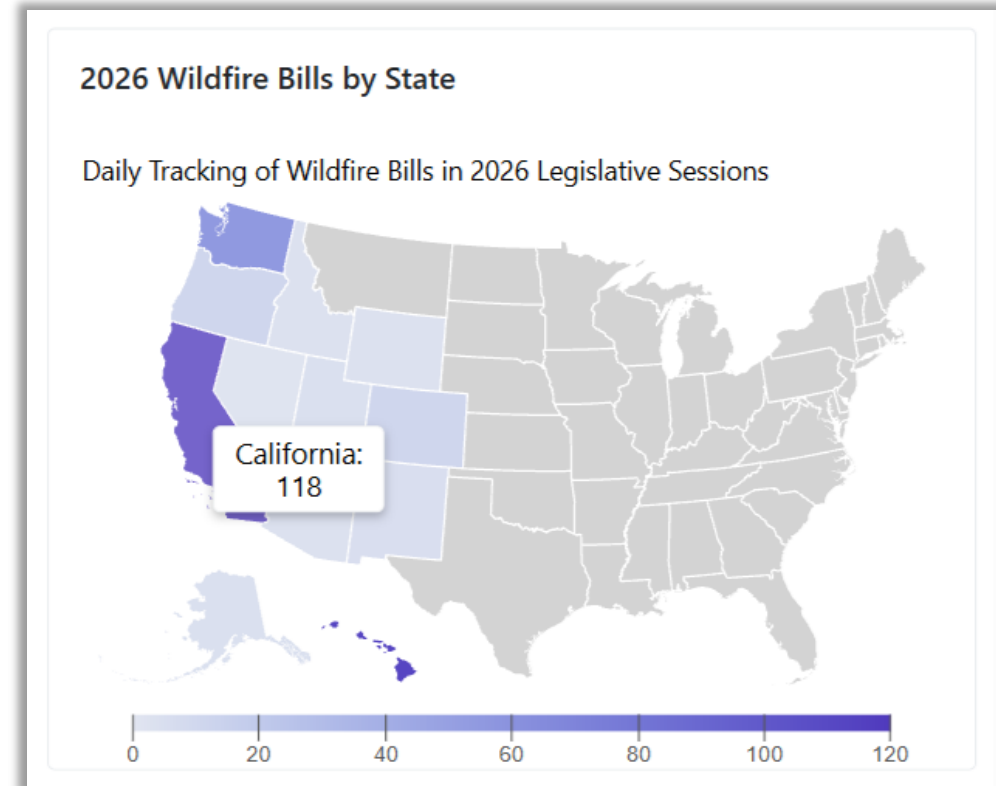
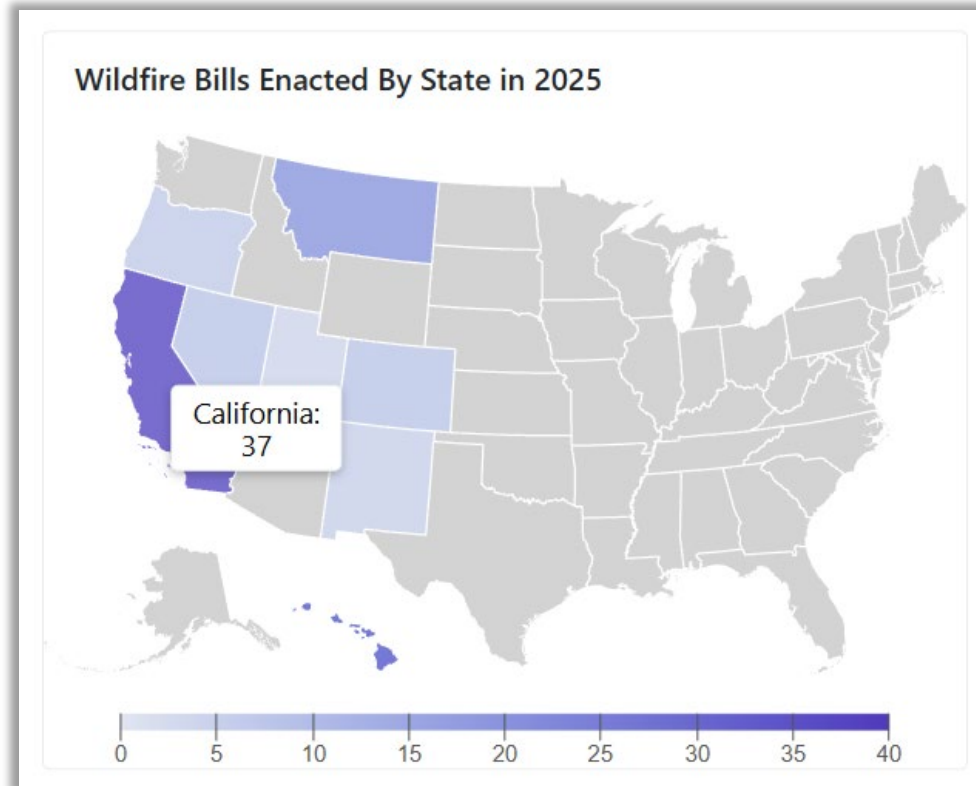
- Based in Lexington, KY as an affiliate of The Council of State Governments (CSG)
- Founded in 1933, CSG is the nation's only nonpartisan organization serving all three branches of state elected and appointed officials
- Mission: To champion excellence in state government
- CSG West based in Sacramento, CA
- More information: www.csg.org and csgwest.org



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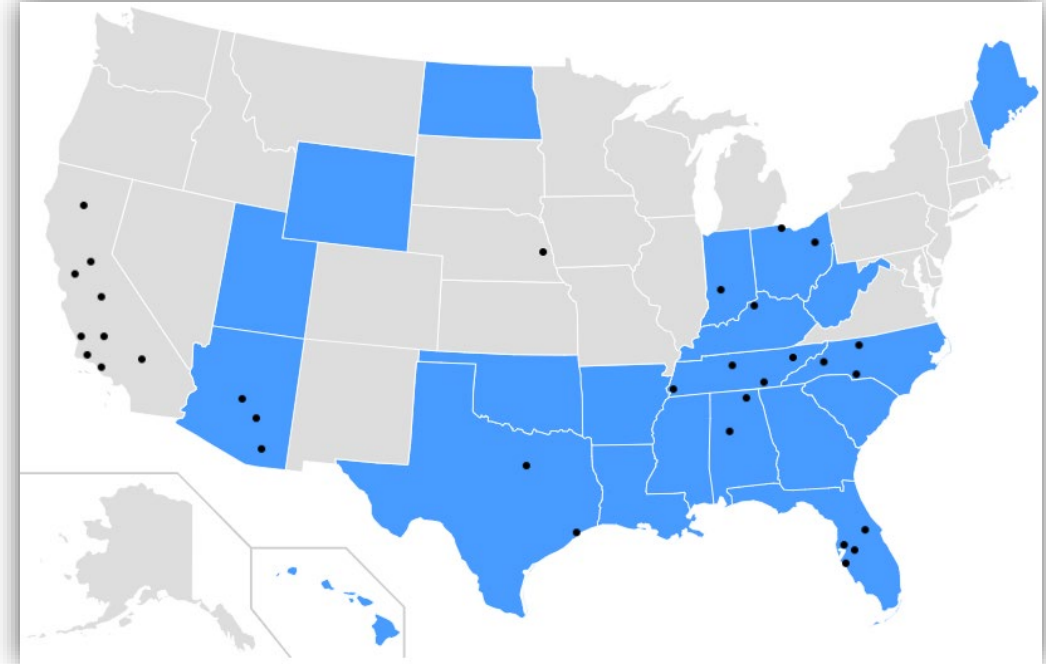
CSG West

- CSG West Wildfire & Disaster Preparedness Committee
- [Forging a Resilient West Dashboard](#)



State and Local Members

- AAPCA currently serves 21 state and 32 local air agencies
- Butte County AQMD, Eastern Kern APCD, El Dorado County AQMD, Mojave Desert AQMD, San Joaquin Valley APCD, San Luis Obispo APCD, Santa Barbara County APCD, Ventura County APCD, Yolo-Solano AQMD
- Senior officials from 21 state environmental agencies comprise AAPCA's Board of Directors
- 2026 Officers: Georgia EPD; Texas CEQ; Arizona DEQ; West Virginia DEP



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Information Channels and Forums

- Weekly Calendars, Wrap-ups, and priority updates
- Interface with U.S. EPA during committee calls, member webinars and virtual sessions, and in-person meetings
- 12 technical committees, led by 26 chairs from 14 states and 3 local agencies
- Annual designation of best practices in air pollution control
- Co-hosts National Air Quality Conference and National Ambient Air Monitoring Conference

AAPCA Committees

- Air Toxics
- Ambient Monitoring
- Best Practices
- Compliance, Enforcement, & Testing
- Emissions Inventory
- Energy
- Local Government
- Modeling
- NAAQS/SIP
- Permitting & New Source Review
- Public Outreach & Information
- Training



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AAPCA Weekly Wrap-up



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AAPCA Weekly Wrap-up

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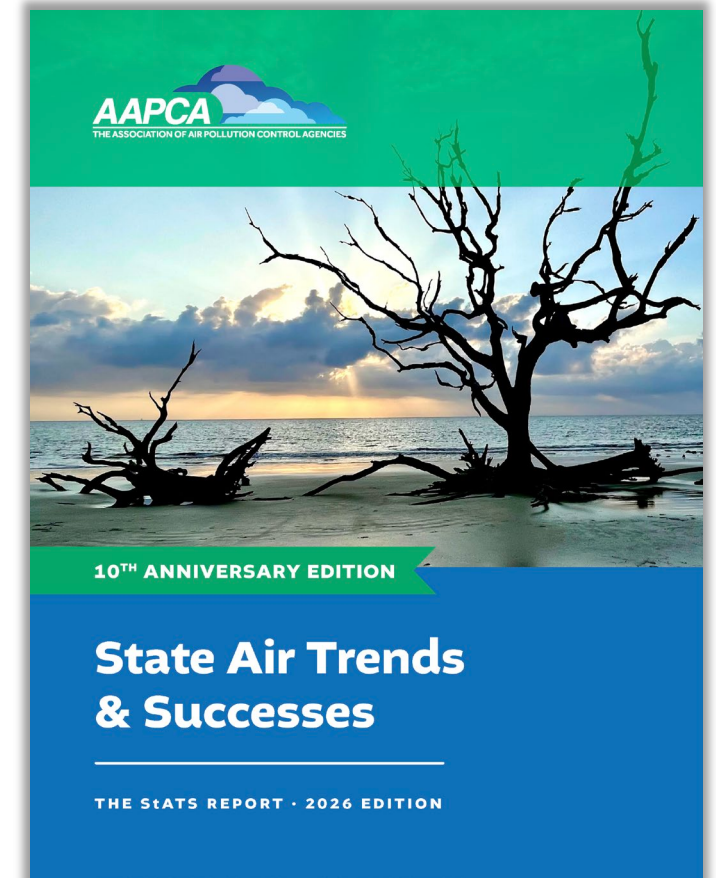
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State Air Trends & Successes: The StATS Report

- 2026 edition [published on May 8](#) in conjunction with Air Quality Awareness Week
- 10th year of publication
- Report covers:
 - AAPCA Member State Air Trends and Success
 - American Air Quality in an International Context
 - Air Quality Trends in the U.S.

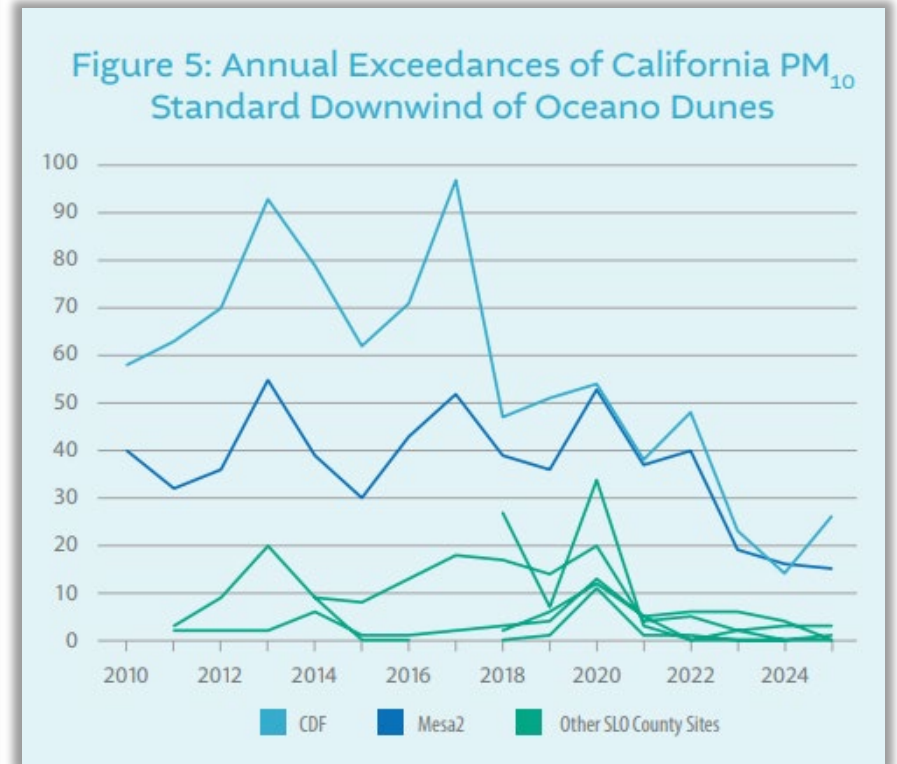
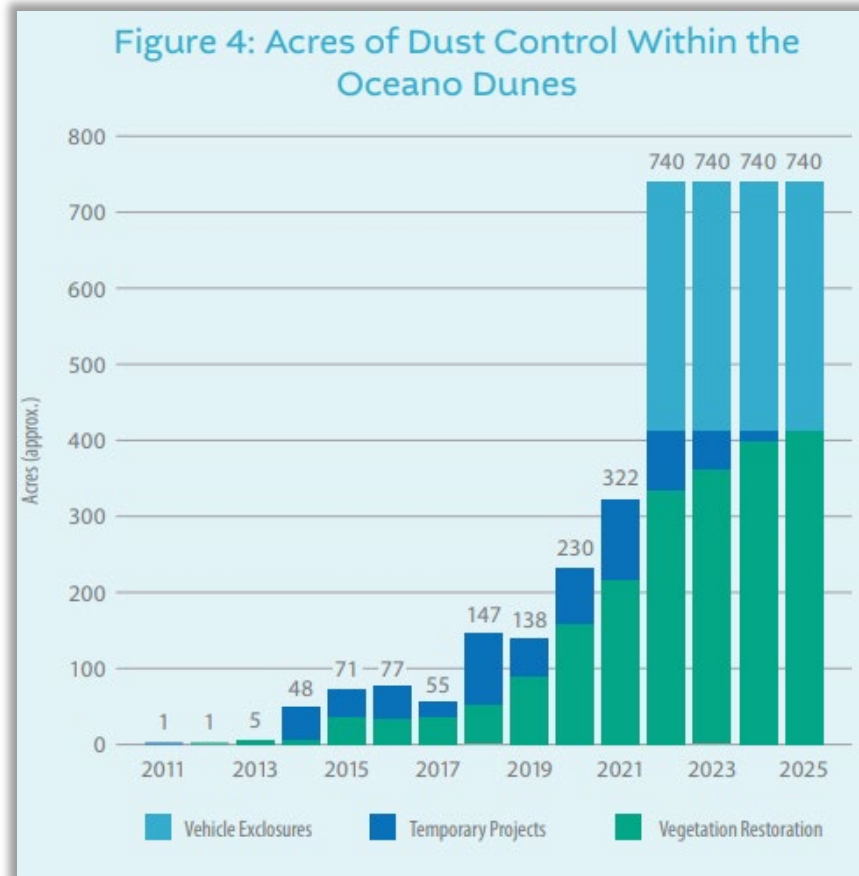
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State Air Trends & Successes: The StATS Report

- Local Program Case Study: San Luis Obispo County, California
- Dune Restoration Reduces PM₁₀ on California Coast



Recent AAPCA Updates



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AAPCA 2026 Spring Meeting

- AAPCA's 2026 Spring Meeting was held April 7, 8, 9 in Atlanta, GA
- 130 participants; 31 state and local air agencies, 2 MJOs, EPA OAR, EPA Regions 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6, and 10 non-governmental organizations
- [Regulatory Aspects of Data Center Growth in Georgia](#)
- [AI-Era Infrastructure: Lessons from Shelby County's Experience](#)
- [Ohio EPA: Data Centers](#)
- [Texas Experience with Permitting Power Sources at Data Centers](#)
- [Development at the Speed of Data: Data Centers and Air Permitting, Past and Present](#)
- [U.S. EPA: State Planning Program Updates](#)
- [U.S. EPA: Air Quality Assessment Division \(AQAD\) Overview](#)
- [Troutman Pepper: Clean Air Act Legal Updates](#)
- [Atmospheric Science and Chemistry mEasurement NeTwork \(ASCENT\): Advanced, Ground-based Aerosol Measurement Network Across the U.S.](#)
- [U.S. EPA: Evaluating Measurement Bias in PM2.5 Monitoring Methods across the National Ambient Air Monitoring Network through the PM2.5 Performance Evaluation Program \(PM2.5-PEP\)](#)
- [Ethylene Oxide \(EtO\) in Georgia](#)
- [West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection's Experiences with PFAS; NATTS EtO Concentrations Across the Country](#)
- [U.S. EPA Unified Platform Updates](#)
- [North Carolina DAQ: Air Curtain Incinerators](#)

See AAPCA's [press release](#)



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Virtual Training Series on TEMPO Data

- AAPCA and the NASA Atmospheric Science Data Center (ASDC) held three virtual training sessions for state and local air agency ambient monitoring and modeling personnel on Tropospheric Emissions: Monitoring of Pollution (TEMPO) Data
 - May 6: TEMPO Overview (including Earthdata Search, Worldview)
 - May 13: ArcGIS Services, General Access & ArcPro-Specific Functionality
 - May 20: TEMPO Programmatic Data Access with Python
- See the [training flyer](#) for additional resources
- Recordings forthcoming



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AAPCA 2026 Fall Business Meeting



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2026 National Air Quality Conference



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AAPCA Focus Areas



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Current Member Focus Areas

- Coordination with key U.S. EPA Offices
- Administration priorities and updates
- State/local agency resource needs
- NAAQS reviews and implementation
- Exceptional events and wildland/prescribed fire
- Regional haze plans and approvals
- Oil & gas and power plant GHG rules
- Energy and manufacturing sector NESHAPs
- Mobile sources
- Modeling updates
- Monitoring updates
- Emissions inventory updates
- Permitting and new source review changes
- Compliance, enforcement, and testing
- Training development and priorities



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Appropriations Updates

- On April 24, AAPCA submitted [outside written testimony](#) to the U.S. House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, & Related Agencies pertaining to Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 appropriations for U.S. EPA State and Local Air Quality Management Grants. On May 15, AAPCA submitted [outside written testimony](#) to the U.S. Senate.
 - *AAPCA asks that funding directed to air agencies, including State and Local Air Quality Management Grants under Clean Air Act (CAA) Sections 103 and 105, adequately account for core CAA activities and previously unfunded mandates.*
- On May 20, U.S. House Appropriations Committee [released](#) FY2027 Interior, Environment, & Related Agencies Appropriations Bill ([bill text](#) and [summary of the bill](#))



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Appropriations Updates

- FY 2016 – FY 2026 Enacted State and Local Air Quality Management Grants

Fiscal Year	State and Local Air Quality Management Grants (enacted)	CPI Adjustment (2016 = 1.00)	FY 2016 Funding Adjusted for Inflation
FY 2026	\$236.672 million	1.37	\$313.312 million
FY 2025	\$235.922 million	1.34	\$306.010 million
FY 2024	\$235.922 million	1.30	\$297.095 million
FY 2023	\$249.038 million	1.26	\$288.188 million
FY 2022	\$231.391 million	1.19	\$270.827 million
FY 2021	\$229.500 million	1.10	\$251.980 million
FY 2020	\$228.219 million	1.09	\$248.501 million
FY 2019	\$228.219 million	1.06	\$242.472 million
FY 2018	\$228.219 million	1.05	\$238.768 million
FY 2017	\$228.219 million	1.03	\$233.924 million
FY 2016	\$228.219 million	1.00	\$228.219 million

U.S. EPA Administration Updates

- U.S. EPA reorganization: [Office of State Air Partnerships](#) and Office of Clean Air Programs
- FY 2026-2030 Strategic Plan available for state review 4/30/26 to 5/28/26
 - “Moving forward, given the National Program Guidances are not required by law, the EPA is not continuing this process at this time.”
- AAPCA Comments:
 - States and local agencies are primary implementers of the Clean Air Act
 - State and local air agencies are primary enforcers of environmental law within their jurisdictions
 - AAPCA supports efforts to streamline the process for reviewing and approving SIPs
 - Flexibility in air agency grants enables best use for addressing unique needs in state/local jurisdictions
 - Early, collaborative engagement with state and local air agencies
 - Section 103 and 105 funding



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U.S. EPA Advisory Committee Updates

- On March 9, U.S. EPA [announced](#) selection of members to the Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC).
- Two state air agency representatives (Indiana and Texas)
- No upcoming meetings scheduled



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Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) NAAQS

- U.S. EPA confessed error on the 2024 PM_{2.5} NAAQS
- On November 24, 2025, in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, U.S. EPA filed a [motion for vacatur](#) in *Kentucky v. EPA*, the consolidated cases challenging U.S. EPA's 2024 PM_{2.5} NAAQS.
- Still awaiting D.C. Circuit decision
- Area designations delayed
- May 1 was the deadline for state and local agencies to certify 2025 ambient monitoring data
- "Infrastructure" SIPs under Section 110(a) due within 3 years of U.S. EPA issuing the standard (February 2027)



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IQA RFC: Teledyne PM_{2.5} Monitor Data

- On January 6, 2026, U.S. EPA received a [Request for Correction](#) (RFC) under the Information Quality Act (IQA) from the NAAQS Regulatory Review & Rulemaking Coalition (NR3 Coalition) regarding:
 - U.S. EPA's approval of four modification requests for the T640 and T640x PM Federal Equivalent Method Monitors
 - U.S. EPA's retroactive application of the approved modification of the T640 and T640X monitors to concentration data for PM_{2.5} in EPA's Air Quality System
- Third-party correspondence submitted from [AAPCA](#) and [Georgia EPD](#)
- 120-day review and response period, 60-day extension granted



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Exceptional Events (EE) and Wildfires

- U.S. EPA revising EE rule – expected this summer
- U.S. EPA EE tools under development:
 - Update to Expedited Modeling of Burn Events Results (EMBER) – expected spring/summer 2026
 - HYSPLIT trajectories for EE – expected spring 2026
 - Ozone and PM EE Demonstration Data Tool – expected this calendar year
- State/local agencies working on 2025 EE demonstrations



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Unified Platform Updates

- [Fall/Winter 2025 Unified Platform Project Listening Sessions Summary](#)
- AAPCA 2026 Spring Meeting Presentation: [U.S. EPA Unified Platform Updates](#)
- Initial release scope

Ambient Systems	Emissions Systems	Regulatory Systems
• AirNow (includes AirNow Tech) • Air Quality System (AQS) (includes AQS DataMart)	• Emissions Inventory System (EIS) • Combined Air Emissions Reporting System (CAERS) • Compliance and Emissions Data Reporting Interface (CEDRI) • Electronic Reporting Tool (ERT) • Web and Factor Information Retrieval Database (WebFIRE)	• State Planning Electronic Collaboration System (SPeCS) for SIPS • SPeCS for Exceptional Events (EE) • Petitions to Object to Title V Permits (POTVP) • SPeCS for Emissions Guideline Plans (EGPs) • Electronic Permit System (EPS) • Greenbook



Oil & Gas / Power Sector Rules

- New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and Emission Guidelines (EG) for Existing Sources for the Crude Oil and Natural Gas Source Category
 - [Final Reconsideration](#) for Two Technical Aspects of the 2024 Final Clean Air Act Rule (published 4/9/26)
 - [Proposed Changes](#) to the Air Toxic Standards for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Production Facilities and for Natural Gas Transmission and Storage Facilities (published 4/22/26; comment deadline: 6/22/26)
 - [Guidance](#) on Associated Gas Flaring Limits for New Oil Wells (4/30/26)
 - Additional reconsideration of subparts OOOOb/c ([2060-AW73](#)) expected this summer
- U.S. EPA final rule “Carbon Pollution Standards Repeal” [entered interagency review](#) at the White House OIRA on 5/14/26.



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Permitting & NSR Updates

- [U.S. EPA Guidance Portal](#)
- [Title V Operating Permit Policy and Guidance Document Index](#)
- [New Source Review Policy and Guidance Document Index](#)
- U.S. EPA [guidance](#) “Streamlining Clean Air Act Title V Operating Permit Renewals” (4/16/26)
- U.S. EPA [guidance](#) “Streamlining Title V Operating Permit Reviews” (5/11/26)
- U.S. EPA’s [proposed rule](#) “Begin Actual Construction in the New Source Review (NSR) Preconstruction Permitting Program” (comment deadline: 6/29/26) – *See also U.S. EPA’s [Request for Comments](#)*
- U.S. EPA proposed rule “Revisions to the Public Participation Requirements in Minor New Source Review Permitting Program” [entered interagency review](#) at the White House OIRA on 5/20/26.



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AAPCA Continues to Watch...

- SIP backlog
- Ozone interstate transport SIPs/FIPs
- Regional haze
- Startup, shutdown, and malfunction
- Ethylene oxide (EtO)
- Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)
- Air toxics / Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS)
- Satellites
- Data centers
- EPA rules/actions currently in litigation
- Consent decrees
- Congressional CAA legislation and other permitting reforms



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