The Impacts of Ozone Regulations On Jobs in Our Community

Location:
Omni William Penn Hotel
530 William Penn Pl, Pittsburgh, PA

Date:
Wednesday, September 2, 2015
11:30 AM to 2:00 PM (EST)

Major Sponsors:
- National Black Chamber of Commerce
- African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania
- U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Harry C. Alford, President & CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce gives keynote address at the ozone forum in Pittsburgh.

Summary:
The ozone forum focused on the potential employment and economic impacts of proposed ozone standards on the Pittsburgh area, particularly minority communities. The forum, which was open to the public, included over 50 attendees and featured national and local Chambers of Commerce, industry leaders, and members of the press.

Featured Speakers

Keynote:
Harry C. Alford, *President & CEO*, National Black Chamber of Commerce

Panelists & Other Speakers:
Doris Carson Williams, *President & CEO,* African American Chamber of Commerce of Western Pennsylvania

Rep. Jake Wheatley *(19th District),* Pennsylvania House of Representatives

Gene Barr, *President & CEO,* Pennsylvania Chamber of Business & Industry

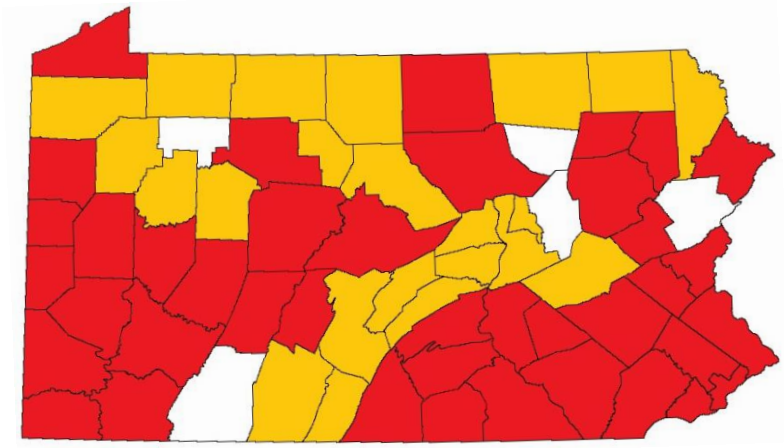
Robert Agbede, *President,* Chester Engineers

Mark Kempic, *President,* Columbia Gas

Morgan O'Brien, *President,* Peoples Natural Gas

Howard Feldman, *Director,* American Petroleum Institute

Pennsylvania Under 65 ppb Ozone Standard



Map Legend
- Monitored areas that would violate 65 ppb standard
- Unmonitored areas that are anticipated to violate 65 ppb standard

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Featured panel examining the impacts of the proposed ozone standards on Pennsylvania and the nation. Speakers pictured: Bill Kovacs, Robert Agbede, Mark Kempic, Morgan O'Brien, and Howard Feldman (left to right).

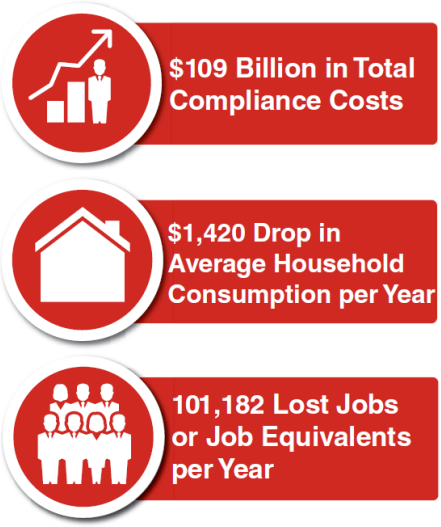
Ozone Forum Highlights

- "There is a delicate balance making sure our environmental needs are there and that our business endeavors are there." – Rep. Jake Wheatley (D-19), *Pennsylvania House of Representatives*
- "Life becomes pretty much a zero sum game for economic development if an area is in nonattainment." – Bill Kovacs, *U.S. Chamber of Commerce*
- "Over the last 25 years we've done a lot to reduce emissions… What we see in the African American community is that this [ozone proposal] is going to lead to higher unemployment." – Robert Agbede, *Chester Engineers*
- "If costs increase, it will hamper our ability to hire people [from PA] to replace and build new pipelines." – Mark Kempic, *Columbia Gas*
- "EPA is talking about setting a 65 [ppb] standard – locations like Yellowstone can't even meet that." – Howard Feldman, *American Petroleum Institute*

The National Black Chamber of Commerce and its members value and support clean air, clean water, and environmental quality. We also value and support economic growth, job creation, and prosperity for our individual members and this country as a whole. These are not mutually exclusive goals. We should all be working together to find that balance of environmental protection and economic prosperity through reasonable and achievable regulations.

- Harry C. Alford, *President & CEO of the National Black Chamber of Commerce*

Potential Impact of 65 ppb Ozone Standard on Pennsylvania



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