

Proposed Key Questions for RAQC Members to Consider  
Moving Forward on Ozone (Smog)

1. What happens if the Front Range is unable to develop an acceptable plan for meeting the ozone standard?
2. What activities contribute to Front Range ozone air pollution levels, and what has been accomplished to date to manage them?
3. To what extent do factors beyond the Front Range/Colorado influence our ability to address ozone?
4. What is the magnitude of emission (primarily NO<sub>x</sub> and VOCs) reductions necessary to meet EPA's proposed ozone standard (60-70 ppb)?
5. What emission reduction measures are available to the Front Range to meet the ozone standard? What sectors/activities do we need to look to for these reductions? Why?
6. What are the associated costs and emission benefits of possible emission reduction measures?
7. What are the ancillary benefits to Colorado/The Front Range of developing a successful plan for meeting the health-based ozone standard (e.g. energy consumption, climate, traffic congestion, business, economy, quality of life, other air quality concerns such as nitrogen dioxide, visibility, nitrogen deposition, the Brown Cloud)?
8. What critical alliances should the RAQC forge to accomplish its work on Ozone (e.g, with DRCOG, North Front Range MPO, Pikes Peak Area of Governments, Metro Mayors, AQCC, General Assembly, CDPHE, CCI, CML, etc)?
9. What data and analysis needs should be factored into the ozone SIP proposal for recommended emission reduction measures to be sufficiently substantiated?
10. What governmental (local, regional, state, federal) action might be needed to realize potential emission reductions?
12. How can the RAQC maximize the likelihood that EPA will be receptive to ideas put before them to address the ozone problem?
13. How long could it take to realize available categories of emission reductions? Are some categories better short term candidates than others? Why? How can longer-term strategies be managed in the context of an Ozone SIP?
14. How will the RAQC prioritize approaches to resolving the ozone problem and make recommendations?
15. How can the RAQC best engage and inform the public about its work and the basis for possible future choices and recommendations?