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## Criteria Air Pollutants

The Clean Air Act requires EPA to set [National Ambient Air Quality Standards \(NAAQS\)](#) for six common air pollutants (also known as "[criteria air pollutants](#)"). These pollutants are found all over the U.S. They can harm your health and the environment, and cause property damage.

Learn how EPA [sets, reviews and revises standards](#) ([primary standards and secondary standards](#)), [determines whether areas meet the standards](#), and [works with areas to attain and maintain the standards](#).

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