

**CHAPTER 131. AMBIENT AIR QUALITY STANDARDS**

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**Source**

The provisions of this Chapter 131 adopted September 10, 1971, effective September 11, 1971, 1 Pa.B. 1804, unless otherwise noted.

**Cross References**

This chapter cited in 25 Pa. Code § 121.1 (relating to definitions); 25 Pa. Code § 127.1 (relating to purpose); 25 Pa. Code § 250.10 (relating to measurement of regulated substances in media); 25 Pa. Code § 264.342 (relating to principal organic hazardous constituents (POHCs)); and 25 Pa. Code § 264.343 (relating to performance standards).

**§ 131.1. Purpose.**

This chapter establishes the maximum concentrations of air contaminants which will be permitted to exist in the ambient air, at the point of its use, under various conditions and in various areas of this Commonwealth and to provide standards against which existing air quality may be compared.

**Source**

The provisions of this § 131.1 adopted September 10, 1971, effective September 11, 1971, 1 Pa.B. 1804; amended March 3, 1972, effective March 20, 1972, 2 Pa.B. 383. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (4652).

**§ 131.2. National Ambient Air Quality Standards.**

The National Ambient Air Quality Standards, promulgated by the Administrator of the EPA under the Clean Air Act are hereby incorporated, by reference, as part of the standards in § 131.3 (relating to ambient air quality standards).

**Source**

The provisions of this § 131.2 adopted September 10, 1971, effective September 11, 1971, 1 Pa.B. 1804; amended March 3, 1972, effective March 20, 1972, 2 Pa.B. 383. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (4652).

**Cross References**

This section cited in 25 Pa. Code § 131.4 (relating to application of ambient air quality standards).

**§ 131.3. Ambient air quality standards.**

The following standards apply and, unless otherwise stated, are maximum values that may not be exceeded:

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<i>Contaminant</i>	<i>Concentrations Averaged Over</i>			
	<i>1-Year</i>	<i>30-Days</i>	<i>24-Hours</i>	<i>1-Hour</i>
Settled particulate (total)	.8 mg./cm. <sup>2</sup> /mo.	1.5 mg./cm. <sup>2</sup> /mo.	—	—
Beryllium	—	.01 µg./m. <sup>3</sup>	—	—
Fluorides (total soluble, as HF)	—	—	5 µg./m. <sup>3</sup>	—
Hydrogen sulfide	—	—	.005 p.p.m.	.1 p.p.m.

**Source**

The provisions of this § 131.3 adopted September 10, 1971, effective September 11, 1971, 1 Pa.B. 1804; amended March 3, 1972, effective March 20, 1972, 2 Pa.B. 383; amended August 12, 1983, effective August 13, 1983, 13 Pa.B. 2478; amended September 4, 1998, effective September 5, 1998, 28 Pa.B. 4525. Immediately preceding text appears at serial pages (233605) to (233606).

**Cross References**

This section cited in 25 Pa. Code § 131.2 (relating to National Ambient Air Quality Standards); 25 Pa. Code § 131.4 (relating to application of ambient air quality standards); 25 Pa. Code § 273.217 (relating to air resources protection); 25 Pa. Code § 277.217 (relating to air resources protection); 25 Pa. Code § 283.218 (relating to air resources protection); 25 Pa. Code § 288.217 (relating to air resources protection); 25 Pa. Code § 289.227 (relating to air resources protection); 25 Pa. Code § 290.411 (relating to storage impoundments—operating requirements); and 25 Pa. Code § 297.218 (relating to air resources protection).

**§ 131.4. Application of ambient air quality standards.**

The values specified in §§ 131.2 and 131.3 (relating to National Ambient Air Quality Standards; and ambient air quality standards) shall be considered as representing minimum quality, but not necessarily desirable quality. Nothing contained in this chapter shall be construed to preclude the Department from enforcing or applying any provision of this article in areas where the ambient air quality is, or will be, at concentrations less than those specified in §§ 131.2 and 131.3.

**Source**

The provisions of this § 131.4 adopted September 10, 1971, effective September 11, 1971, 1 Pa.B. 1804; amended March 3, 1972, effective March 20, 1972, 2 Pa.B. 383. Immediately preceding text appears at serial page (4653).

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