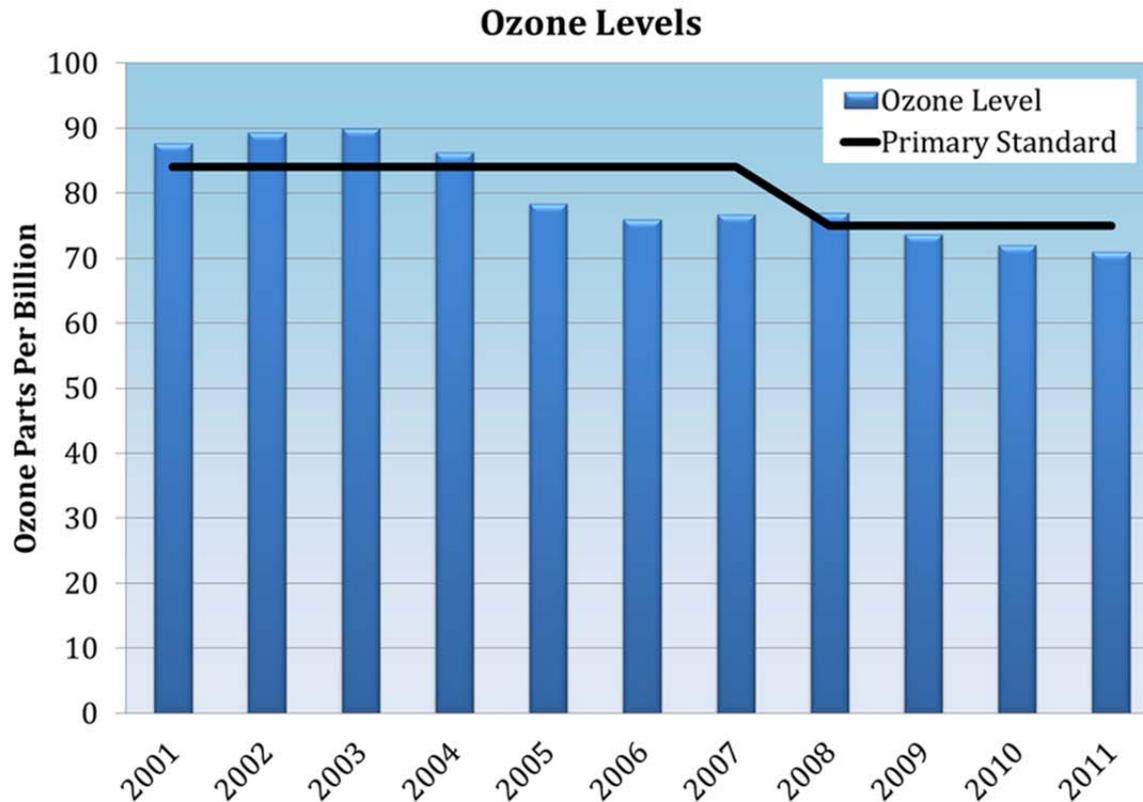


Figure 6.13 Ozone Levels in Hampton Roads Compared to the Primary Standard- 3 Year Moving Average



Source: Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, HRPDC

Why is it important?

According to the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, short-term exposure to ambient ozone can have serious health implications.

How are we doing?

The U.S. increased the air quality standard for ozone, lowering the acceptable level to 75ppb (versus 80ppb); this tighter standard has moved Hampton Roads barely out of compliance in 2008 but since that time the region has met the three year moving average standard.