

Conformity: The New Force Behind SIP Deadlines

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ABSTRACT

Since passage of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments, air quality planners have prepared state implementation plans to meet milestones dictated by attainment status. Now, planners have a second motivation: conformity. Using case studies in California and Texas, this article illustrates how EPA approval of the latest versions of EMFAC and MOBILE can trigger conformity problems and helps planners identify and avoid conformity "cliffs." Conformity.