

## **AIR QUALITY - Issue Paper**

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### ***Background***

The Legislative and Policy Committee voted to consider the development of a new Policy Guide on Air Quality. This has been a topic that has been suggested since APA has a policy on virtually every other key environmental issue that affects land use. This short paper is designed to identify some key issues to address in the development of this policy. Additionally, it is hoped that it will generate suggestions on other related issues to be considered in developing the policy.

### ***Why This Topic is of Interest to APA***

1. Air quality issues are directly related to issues important to APA, especially our transportation policy.
2. The reauthorization of TEA-21, the Clean Air Act, and the funding of Amtrak are among the legislative issues that APA has been playing a key role, and a policy guide can support those efforts.
3. The public health impact of poor air quality is a significant issue for APA to be concerned about.

### ***Issues to Consider***

Any proposed policy on air quality should focus on the following:

- Mobile sources including automobiles and trucks, as well as emissions from mass transportation alternatives such as buses and trains
- Alternative fuel technologies
- Pollution from stationary sources and mitigation strategies ranging from typical emission limitations to the trading of air pollution credits
- Air toxics
- Indoor air pollution
- State Implementation Plans, which are the plans states must submit to EPA to demonstrate how they will attain and maintain national air quality standards

Note that many of these issues relate to other existing policy guides including Surface Transportation and Sustainability.

### ***Contact***

Any comments and thoughts on this issue would be appreciated. Please contact Ralph Willmer, AICP, [rwillmer@mcgregorlaw.com](mailto:rwillmer@mcgregorlaw.com) if you may be interested in participating on the Committee that will prepare the Policy Guide.