

RESOLUTION

Subject: Change in EPA National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter (PM NAAQS) for PM_{2.5}

Submitted by: Greater Louisville Medical Society

Referred to: Reference Committee

WHEREAS, fine particulate matter 2.5 microns or smaller in size (PM_{2.5}) is a mixture of solid particles and liquid droplets; and

WHEREAS, PM_{2.5} is associated with several illnesses including heart disease, stroke, asthma, low birth weight, and especially lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, the current Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter (PM NAAQS) for PM_{2.5} is 12.0 µg/m³; and

WHEREAS, the EPA, based on an evaluation of needs for public health protection consistent with the available health science and an assessment of the costly health impacts of the current PM_{2.5} standard, has revised the primary (health-based) annual PM_{2.5} standard to 9.0 µg/m³; and

WHEREAS, Russell Coleman, Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, along with 23 other State Attorneys Generals, has sought to block implementation of the revision of PM_{2.5} standard from the current 12.0 µg/m³ to 9.0 µg/m³; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that KMA opposes the action of the Attorney General, as it is not in the best interest of the health of the people of Kentucky and has the potential to negatively impact the direct and indirect health care cost borne by the citizens of Kentucky; and be it further

RESOLVED, that KMA supports the change in EPA National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter for PM_{2.5} to 9.0 µg/m³.