

Legislative Days

Smoke Management Review Update

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Authority

Smoke Management Plan Authority

- ORS 477.013
 - *ODF and DEQ jointly approve Plan.*
 - *ODF develops Plan*
- ORS 477.552 - Policy
 - *Improve management of prescribed burning*
 - *Minimize emissions consistent with the Clean Air Act*
- ORS 477.554 - .562
 - *Program establishment and content, Advisory Committee, Fees*
- OAR 629-048 – Smoke Management Rule and Implementation
 - *Scope, purpose, objectives of program. Rules promulgated by Board of Forestry*



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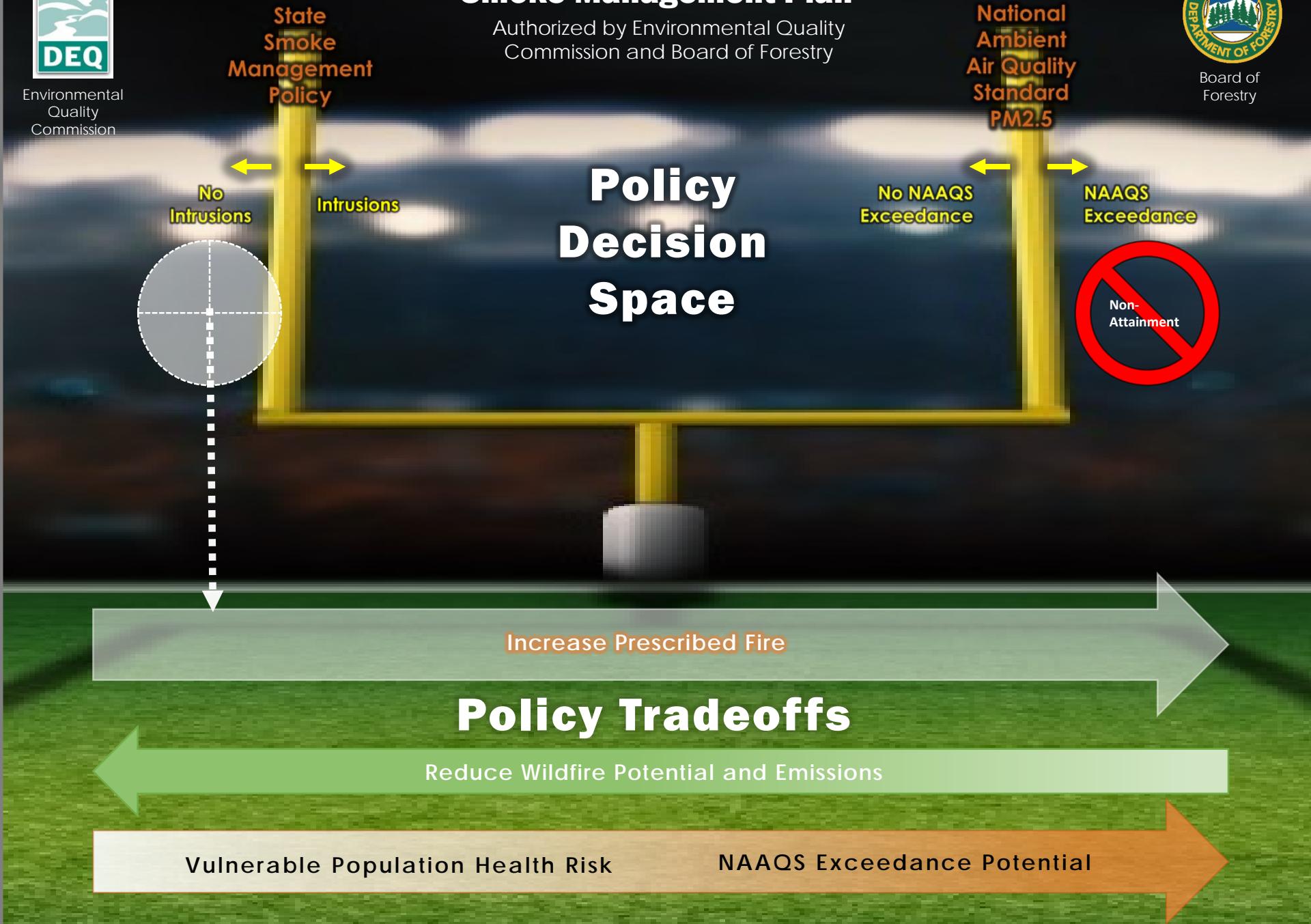
Smoke Management Plan

Authorized by Environmental Quality
Commission and Board of Forestry



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Policy Decision Space



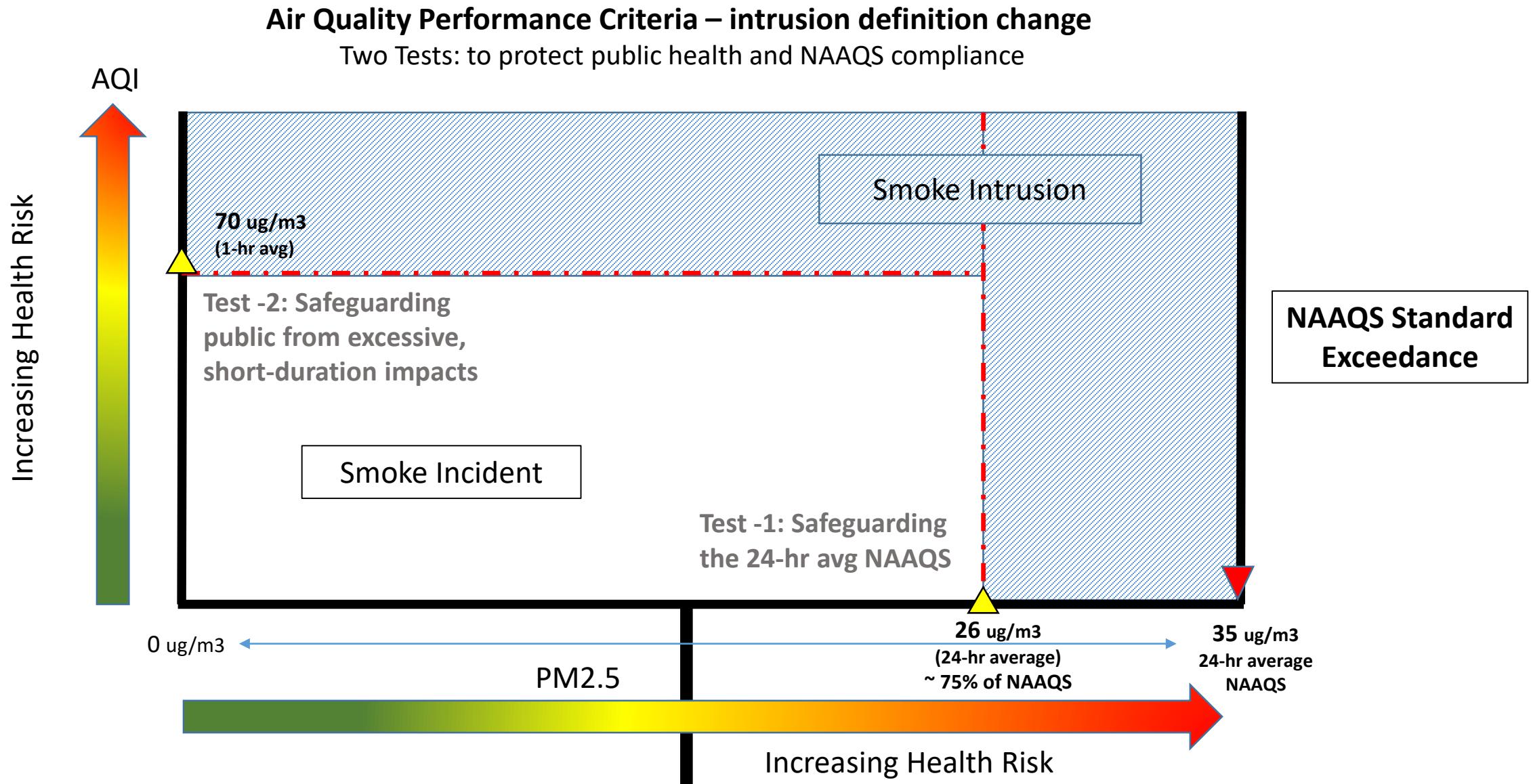
Smoke Management Plan Review

Goal: Ensure Plan implementation is balanced in achieving our two legislative policy directives in ORS 477.552.

Advisory Committee formed:

- 21 members representing public and private forestry, air quality, environment, public, government, and tribes
- Five meetings held from May 2017 to March 2018
- This effort informed ODF/DEQ recommendation before our policy boards

Smoke Management Plan Recommendations



Smoke Management Plan Recommendations

Community Outreach/Response Plan and Exemption Request

- **ODF and DEQ to develop/distribute a best-practices communication framework:**
 - Recognizes: Purpose and importance of prescribed burning and Health risks of wildfire and prescribed fire smoke
 - Develop collaboratively with community and coordinate through local public health authority
 - Plan will include how officials and public can find out about daily burning, how to reduce risk of smoke exposure, and how community will be alerted to potential smoke impacts
- **Exemption request from one-hour intrusion threshold**
 - For areas that need maximum opportunity for prescribed burning due to wildfire risks
 - Must be approved through local governing body, County Commissioners and approved through ODF, DEQ with input from OHA

Next Steps

- Review/analyze comments from August public hearings to update administrative rule (fall 2018)
- Seek rule/plan approval from Board of Forestry and Environmental Quality Commission in separate meetings (January 2019)
- Enroll new rule with Secretary of State/ rule implementation (February 2019)
- Submit Plan changes to EPA for SIP approval (February 2019)
- Implement new Plan for spring burning season (spring 2019)