

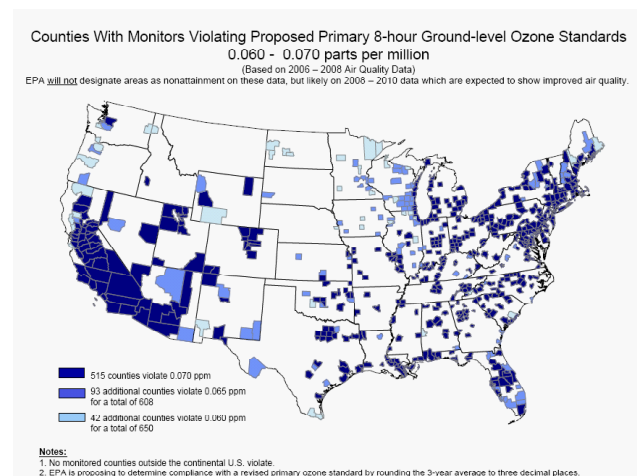
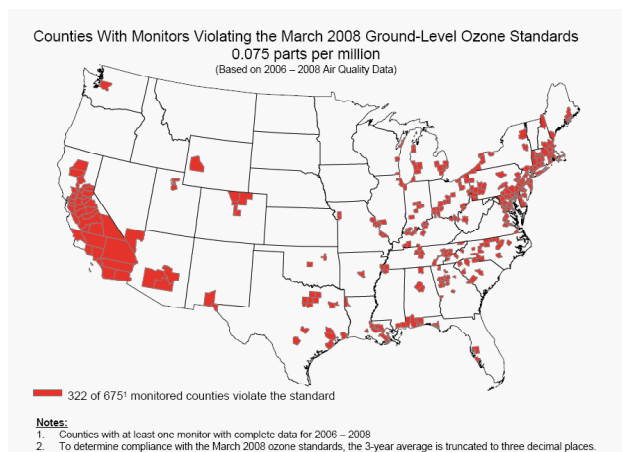
# Opus Prodox AB (publ)

## Press Release - 21<sup>st</sup> of January, 2010

### The U.S. EPA Proposes the Strictest Health Standards to Date for Smog

According to a January 7, 2010 press release issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the agency has proposed new ground-level ozone standards. Ground-level ozone is the primary constituent of smog. Ground-level ozone forms when emissions from industrial facilities, power plants, landfills and motor vehicles react in sun light.

The EPA is proposing a level between 0.060 and 0.070 parts per million (ppm) measured over eight hours, compared to today's level of 0.075 ppm which was set in March 2008. The effect of a tightening of the standards are illustrated below, which shows the number of counties violating the 2008 ground-level ozone standards (the picture to the left) compared to the number of counties which would violate the proposed new standards (the picture to the right).



Source: The United States Environmental Protection Agency

"Assuming the new standards are implemented, we are likely to see more and geographically larger vehicle emission testing programs in the U.S. during coming years", says Lothar Geilen, CEO of SysTech International, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary to Opus Prodox AB. "Implementation of vehicle emission testing programs are a cost-efficient tool for many counties in their efforts in reducing ground-level ozone levels, especially those with heavy populations. SysTech International has a strong market position in the U.S. in the vehicle inspection business and is poised for growth".

According to the EPA, the costs of reducing ozone to the proposed levels would range from an estimated \$19 - 90 billion per year with health benefits in return of approx. \$ 13 - 100 billion per year.

The EPA is now awaiting public comment. The final standards are planned to be issued by August 31, 2010.

For the full EPA press release and more information on ground-level ozone, please go to [www.epa.gov/ozonepollution](http://www.epa.gov/ozonepollution)

This press info is available in Swedish at [www.opus.se](http://www.opus.se)

**For additional information, please contact**

Magnus Greko, *President and CEO*

Phone: +46 31 748 34 91, +46 705 58 45 91

E-mail: [magnus@opus.se](mailto:magnus@opus.se)

**Opus' Certified Adviser**

Thenberg & Kinde Fondkommission AB

Box 2108

SE-403 13 Gothenburg

Sweden

Phone: +46 31 745 50 00

---

SysTech International, established in 1999, is part of the Opus Group and provides turnkey vehicle inspection program management services, including vehicle information databases, and advanced emission and safety test systems to various levels of government agencies (federal, state and regional) and to individual inspection stations. The Opus Group is in the business of developing, producing and selling products and services within Automotive Test Equipment, Vehicle Inspection Systems and Fleet Management for the global market. The Group's products include emission analyzers, diagnostic equipment and automatic test lines. Services include management of mandatory vehicle inspection programs. The Group sells its products and services in more than 50 countries all over the world and currently employs around 175 persons. The turnover for 2008 was SEK 175 million pro forma (including acquisitions). Opus' share is listed on First North Premier (NASDAQ OMX) under the ticker OPUS.