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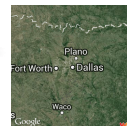
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Sierra Club sues Environmental Protection Agency to force tougher action on Dallas-Fort Worth smog



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The Sierra Club sued Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy late Tuesday, saying the agency had failed to do its Clean Air Act duty regarding urban North Texas' stubborn ozone problem.

The environmental group said the EPA was legally obligated to switch the region's ozone violation status to "severe" from the current "serious" under a federal standard dating from 1997.

Federal law required such a "bump-up" after the region failed to achieve the federal standard by last summer, the Sierra Club said. But the EPA has not acted, the group said.

Moving into a worse ozone status would trigger tighter mandatory pollution controls.

The EPA and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, which writes the state's clean-air plans, haven't commented yet.

The lawsuit follows.

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