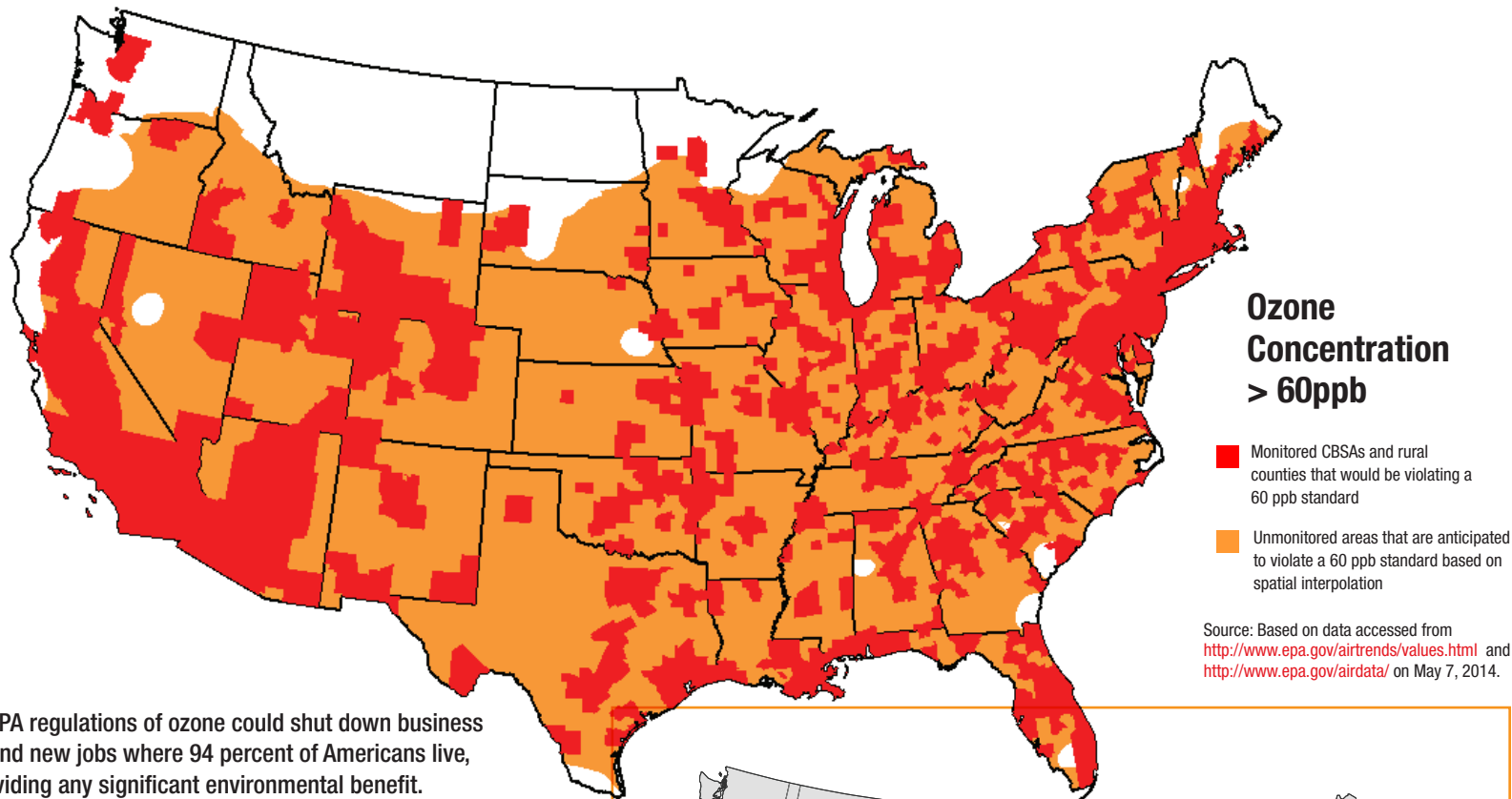


New EPA Ozone regulations could mean America is closed for business.



Upcoming EPA regulations of ozone could shut down business expansion and new jobs where 94 percent of Americans live, without providing any significant environmental benefit.

Strict new standards could force communities to shut down business activity in a futile attempt to force ozone levels below background levels. Needless to say, operating under such stringent requirements could stifle new investment necessary to create jobs and could slow the economy or even nudge it back into recession.

Meanwhile, air quality continues to improve under the existing standards. The health data being used to justify tightening the standard is not compelling and EPA and the states have not even begun to implement the stringent 2008 ozone standard.

EPA should consider keeping the current standards—the most stringent ever—before closing America for business.

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