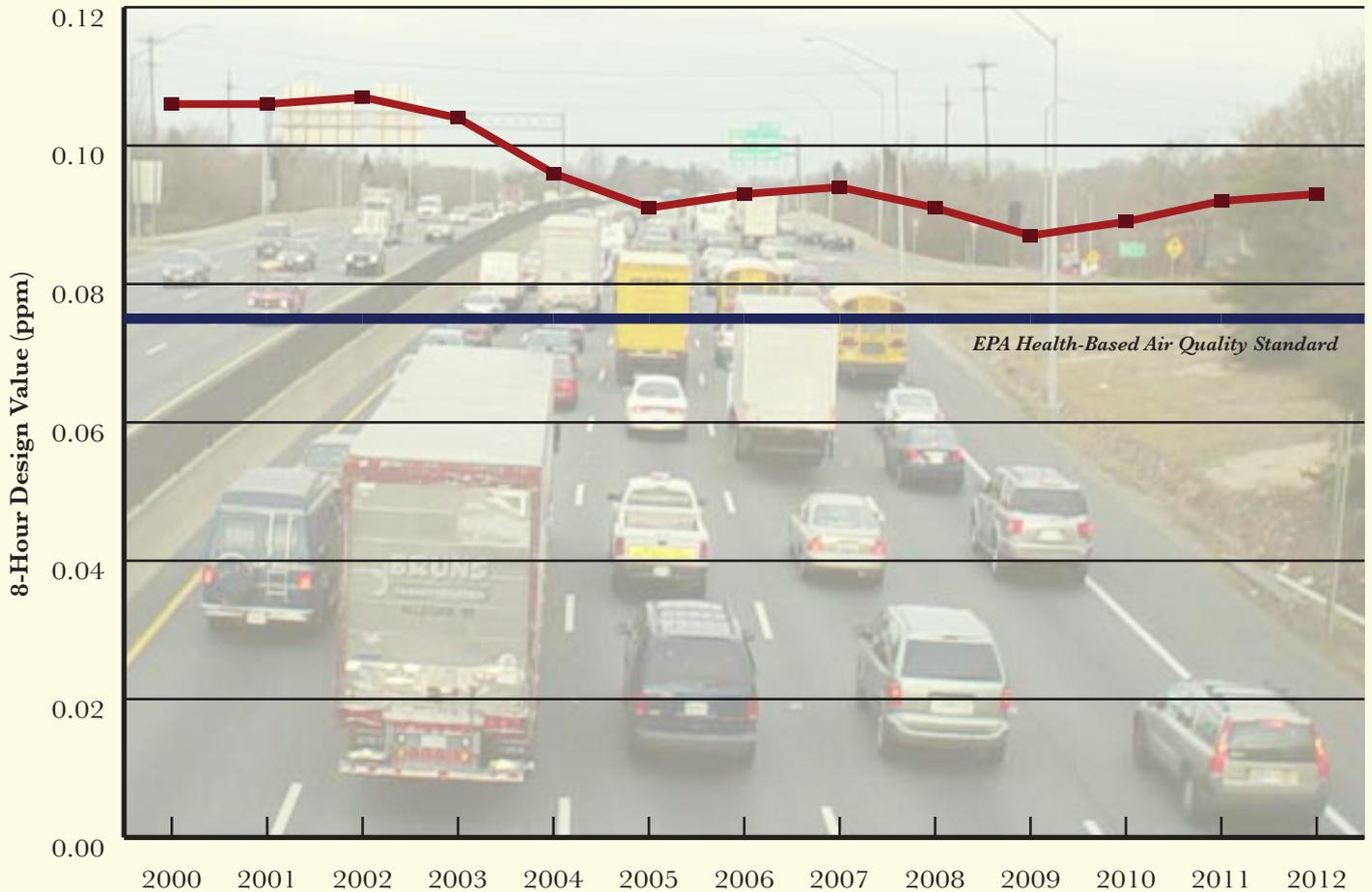


Ozone levels in Maryland remain a concern



Despite efforts that have successfully reduced emissions of the pollutants that create ground-level ozone, Maryland does not currently meet federal standards for this pollutant. In particular one monitoring station, in Harford County, records significantly higher levels than other stations in Maryland. Up to 70 percent of Maryland's air pollution comes from upwind states. Maryland is working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and other states to address this issue.