





What is Ozone?

-  Ozone: “Good up high, bad nearby.”
-  In the stratosphere, ozone occurs naturally and screens out harmful ultraviolet rays from the sun.
-  Ground-level ozone results from a photochemical reaction of **nitrogen oxides** and **hydrocarbons** in the presence of **sunlight**.
-  At ground-level, ozone is a principal component of smog and one of six “criteria pollutants” for which EPA has set NAAQS.