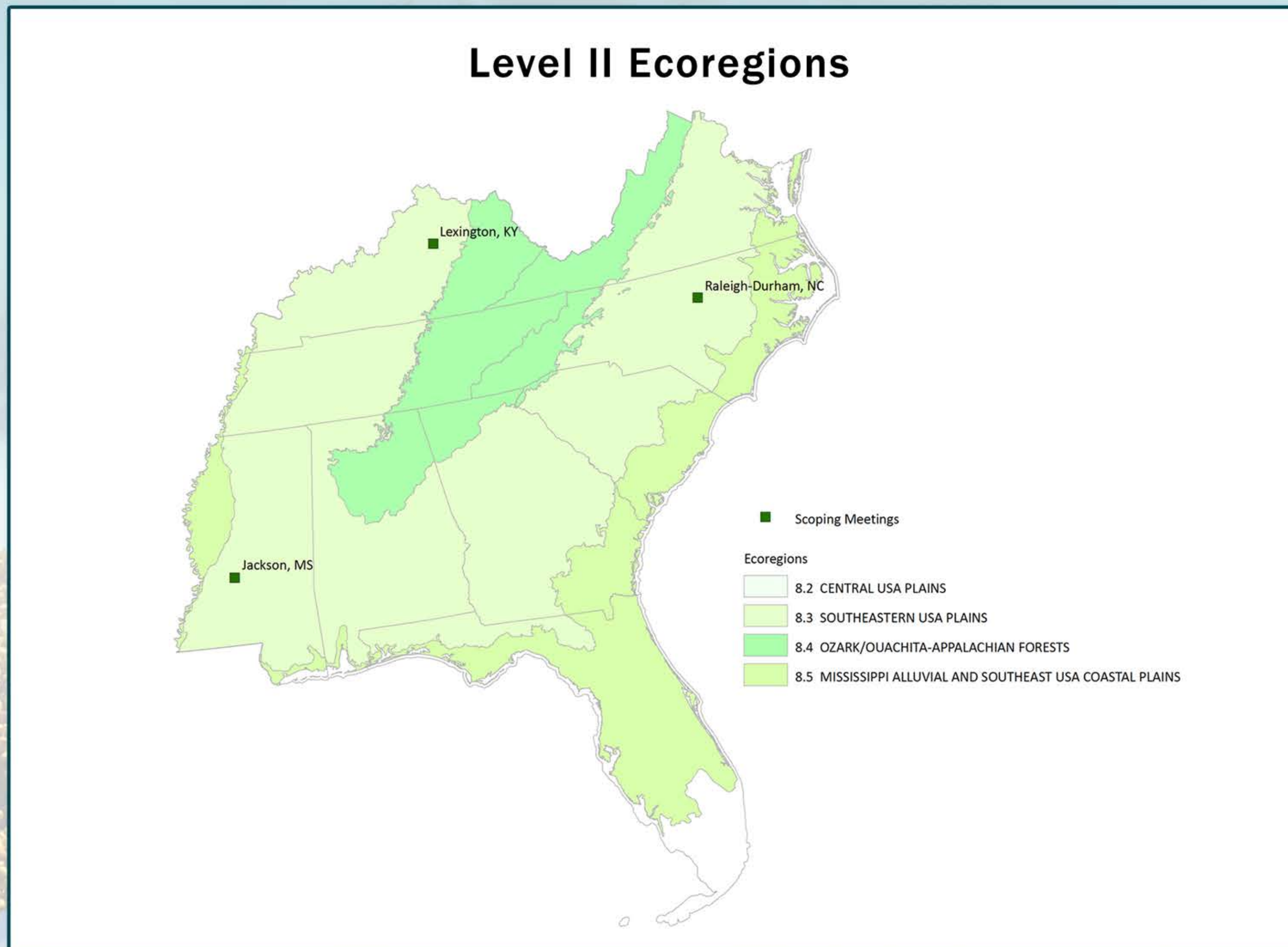


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GEOGRAPHIC SCOPE

DOE has chosen the southeastern United States as this geographic area provides favorable conditions for the growth of EHECs with short, mild winters and growing seasons of at least six months before the first frost.



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) derived Level II ecoregions will be used; ecoregions are determined based on the presence or absence of common flora, fauna, and non-living ecosystems characteristics.



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