



Charge to the Ozone Transport Commission Committees Concerning Implementation of the New Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard

Connecticut

The Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) directs the Executive Staff and the Committees, including the Stationary and Area Sources, Mobile Sources, and Modeling Committees, to begin planning for the implementation of the new National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone.

Delaware

District of Columbia

Pursuant to Section 109(d) of the Clean Air Act, EPA issued a revised NAAQS for ozone on March 12, 2008, lowering the standard from 0.08 parts per million (ppm) to 0.075 ppm. While a number of states and stakeholders have been advocating that the new ozone standard be set at a level within the range of 0.060 ppm to 0.070 ppm, as recommended by the EPA's independent Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC), the new ozone standard offers more protection of the public health than the previous standard.

Maine

Maryland

Massachusetts

Recognizing the benefits of the 0.075 ppm ozone standard, the Commission supports implementation of the new ozone standard as quickly as practicable, to afford an additional measure of public health protection at the earliest possible date. The Commission, therefore, instructs the Executive Staff and Committees of the OTC to:

New Hampshire

New Jersey

New York

- Review how the new ozone standard affects the states in the Ozone Transport Region (OTR);

Pennsylvania

- Analyze the causes and contributors to non-attainment, including the relative importance of transport that occurs within and from outside the OTR to identify and recommend possible additional control measures and strategies;

Rhode Island

Vermont

- Assess the effectiveness of national controls on various sectors, including power plants and industrial, commercial and institutional (ICI) boilers, to address non-attainment in the OTR;

Virginia

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- By September 30, 2008, develop plans and timelines on emission inventory and modeling analyses to be conducted for state implementation plans.

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- Coordinate planning activities with the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management and the Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association to leverage resources and efficiencies in conducting this work;

- Provide recommendations for early emission reduction programs that can be instituted earlier than the mandated deadlines in order to begin protecting human health and the environment as soon as possible, and to ensure timely progress in achieving the ozone NAAQS; and
- Continue working collaboratively with other states outside of the OTR on electric generating unit and ICI boiler emission reduction strategies and explore the expansion of those efforts to include as many interested states as possible.

Adopted by the Commission on June 11, 2008

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