MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE STATES OF THE OZONE TRANSPORT COMMISSION ON IMPLEMENTING AN INTEGRATED MOBILE SOURCE STRATEGY

WHEREAS, the Northeastern United States is faced with a pervasive ozone nonattainment problem; and

WHEREAS most of the member states also have carbon monoxide nonattainment problems; and

WHEREAS motor vehicles are the largest source of ozone precursors and toxic pollutants and emit as well the vast majority of the carbon monoxide emissions; and

WHEREAS regional ozone modeling to date by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has shown the need for greater reductions of VOC and NOx emissions for the purposes of reducing ambient ozone concentrations; and

WHEREAS motor vehicle emissions are directly related to vehicle design, the fuels used, the quality of maintenance performed, and the vehicle miles traveled (VMT);

WHEREAS motor vehicle control strategies need to work together to effectively reduce the formation of ground level ozone;

THEREFORE, each state recognizes the need for implementing an integrated mobile source control strategy which focuses on minimizing all types of motor vehicle emissions and

Furthermore, that each state take steps to implement as soon as possible the following cost effective strategies as needed to attain and maintain the ambient ozone standard through the Ozone Transport Region:

- the new vehicle emissions standards of the California Low Emission Vehicle program (see OTC memorandum of understanding of 10/29/91);
- enhanced I/M programs where required by the Clean Air Act Amendments;
- . reformulated gasoline (see OTC resolution of 10/29/91); and
- . appropriate transportation control measures to limit VMT in metropolitan areas in the OTC region; and

Furthermore, that each state recognizes that the strategies outlined above together will maximize the emission reductions achievable from mobile sources as one part of an overall strategy for ozone attainment.

Signed this 10th day of March, 1992 by the following:
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