

RESOLUTION OF THE OZONE TRANSPORT COMMISSION CONCERNING THE OTC MODEL RULE FOR MOTOR VEHICLE AND MOBILE EQUIPMENT NON-ASSEMBLY LINE COATINGS OPERATIONS

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444 N. Capitol St. NW Suite 638 Washington, DC 20001 (202) 508-3840 FAX (202) 508-3841 e-mail: ozone@otcair.org Whereas, the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) was established under Sections 176A and 184 of the federal Clean Air Act (CAA) to ensure the development and implementation of regional strategies to reduce concentrations of ground-level ozone to healthful levels; and

Whereas, ozone has been shown to cause respiratory illnesses, exacerbate or trigger asthma related episodes, increase respiratory-related emergency room and hospital admissions and compromise the immune system leading to increased incidents of other respiratory illnesses, including pneumonia and bronchitis, and to cause premature death; and

Whereas, the OTC is charged with exploring the contributions of all sources of air pollution to the ozone problem, including the transport of ozone and its precursors nitrogen oxides (NO_X) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) into as well as throughout the ozone transport region; and

Whereas, in 2001 the OTC previously developed a similar model rule for this sector titled, OTC Model Rule for Mobile Equipment Repair and Refinishing (MERR) which was included in, "OTC Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) of the States of the OTC Regarding New Regional Control Measures in the OTR (March 28, 2001); and

Whereas, the Commission directed the OTC Committees to evaluate further reductions for this source category. (Action by the OTC on February, 23 2006); and

Whereas, a "Charge to the OTC Committees Concerning the Implementation of the New NAAQS Standard" directed the OTC Committees to, "provide recommendations for early emissions reductions 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" (June 11, 2008); and

Whereas, the respective state-sponsored committees, after soliciting stakeholder input, and consideration of the costs and magnitude of reductions potentially achievable, identified reasonable, technically feasible and cost-effective control measures for this category; and

Whereas, by 2011 the regulated community will need to implement measures to meet the federal area source toxics requirements, and it is important to provide them with regulatory certainty of their clean air obligations;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the OTC member states will pursue as necessary and appropriate state-specific rulemakings to update state rules in accordance with the OTC Model Rule for Motor Vehicle and Mobile Equipment Non-Assembly Line Coatings Operations included as an attachment.

Be it further resolved that the compliance dates in said regulations should be targeted for January 1, 2012 or as soon as practicable thereafter.

Adopted by the Commission on November 5, 2009

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