



**Statement of the Ozone Transport Commission to the U.S. Congress on  
a Call to Action to Immediately Reduce Power Plant Emissions to  
Protect Public Health and the Environment**

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The twelve states and the District of Columbia, as members of the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC), urge Congress to enact multi-pollutant legislation as soon as possible in 2009 to protect public health and the environment by requiring expeditious emission reductions from the power generation sector to address interstate air pollution and to promote timely compliance with all applicable air quality standards (including the new ozone and PM NAAQS).

Power plant emissions cause respiratory illness and premature deaths, increase acid rain damage to lakes and streams, damage agricultural crops and forests, and degrade visibility in our national parks and wilderness areas.

The OTC is committed to continuing to work with federal leaders and states in other regions to develop and implement a strengthened national policy that fully addresses the public health impacts of EGU emissions to obtain additional cost effective emission reductions from the electric generating unit sector.

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