



2026 Charge to the OTC Stationary and Area Sources (SAS) Committee to Pursue Potential Strategies for Regional Attainment and Maintenance of the 2008 and 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards

The Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) directs the OTC Staff and the OTC Stationary and Area Sources (SAS) Committee to assist OTC states in developing cost-effective strategies to reduce ozone-forming pollutants as required by the Clean Air Act. In the coming year, the SAS Committee will focus on the following:

Connecticut
Delaware
District of Columbia
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New York
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
Vermont
Virginia

1. Assess Source Emissions Inventory
 - Evaluate the National Emission Inventory (NEI) and other emissions inventory platforms to identify area and point sources at the regional or local levels to meet ozone attainment, air quality, and regional haze goals:
 - Evaluate area and point sources that have the greatest emission reduction and air quality improvement potential (as determined using EPA and OTC source apportionment modeling and other analysis techniques), that have technologically feasible control strategies, and that are the most cost effective to control;
 - Provide a prioritized list of emissions sources to the air directors based on the evaluation; and
 - Evaluate the NEI and other emissions inventory platforms for potential improvements in the quality of emissions estimates for area and point sources and coordinate with other workgroups or interested parties.
2. Provide Technical Support for Individual Sectors
 - Initiate identification and prioritization of additional source categories for emissions control strategy analyses; and
 - Continue the analysis of the technology and emissions reduction potential of industrial, commercial, and institutional heat pumps; and
 - Update earlier SAS work on behind-the-meter generation and related concerns.
3. Cross Committee Collaboration
 - Evaluate Modeling Committee outputs, inputs, and conclusions; and

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- Collaborate and share findings on area and point source evaluations with the MANEVU Technical Support Committee, OTC Modeling Committee, and OTC Mobile Sources Committee.

4. Engage with EPA on SAS issues

- Continue to exchange information and meet on areas of mutual interest, as identified by SAS and EPA. Report progress to the air directors as appropriate.

In addition to the four listed efforts above, SAS will also complete the following items:

- Solicit input from state staff to draft the Committee's 2027 Charge.
- Annual Summary – For this annual reporting period, summarize work and findings on the issues identified above.

Changes to the workplan may be made by the OTC Executive Director only after a consultation with and approval of the Air Directors. The SAS Chair will communicate any changes to the workplan to the Committee.

Adopted by the Commission on June 3, 2026.