

MEMORANDUM OF THE STATES OF THE OZONE TRANSPORT COMMISSION
CONCERNING A REGIONAL STRATEGY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW
CONTROL MEASURES

WHEREAS there is a pervasive ground-level ozone problem in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic States; and

WHEREAS the Ozone Transport Commission was created by Congress to coordinate ground-level ozone control planning for the region; and

WHEREAS the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic States have adopted and implemented control measures both required by the Clean Air Act and beyond those required by the Clean Air Act to attain and maintain the one-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS); and

WHEREAS the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has formally called for revisions of State Implementation Plans (SIPs) for nitrogen oxides over a 22-State area to address regional ozone transport over the eastern United States; and

WHEREAS this call for SIP revisions is currently under litigation; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has finalized a rule under Section 126 which will require major stationary sources to reduce emissions of nitrogen oxides (NOx) covering a large part of the reductions required by the SIP call, including those closest to the Ozone Transport Region (OTR); and

WHEREAS States in the OTC have committed to achieve additional reductions of NOx and VOC emissions to help ensure attainment and maintenance of the ozone standard in the OTR; and

WHEREAS OTC has already started the development of new regional NOx and VOC control measures;

THEREFORE the undersigned States hereby agree to cooperate in the development of additional regional control measures in the OTR; and

FURTHERMORE that as part of this process that OTC will hold public meetings on possible control measures in order to get input from interested parties; and

FURTHERMORE that initial control measure recommendations will be developed for OTC action no later than the 2000 OTC Annual Meeting, and that final control measure recommendations will be developed no later than the 2001 OTC Winter Meeting, in order to facilitate action by OTC States by required dates; and

FURTHERMORE that the final recommendations to OTC for action should consider both regional measures intended to be implemented across the OTR for attainment and maintenance of the one-hour ozone NAAQS, as well as other measures that individual States could implement to meet applicable requirements.

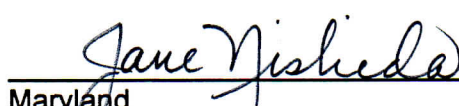
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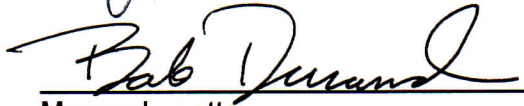

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