



2020 Charge to the Stationary and Area Sources (SAS) Committee to Pursue Potential Strategies for Regional Attainment 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 Source (SAS) Committee to perform technical analyses 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 Committee will focus on four areas:

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

- Support RACT Analysis – SAS and OTC staff will collect, compile and distribute technical information to support state RACT analyses. Information will include state data on control strategies, regulatory limits, and cost-effectiveness. Where possible, SAS will develop OTC recommendations for cost-effectiveness thresholds for presumptive and case-by-case basis RACT determinations.
- Provide Technical Support for Individual Sectors – Beginning with municipal waste combustors (MWC), SAS will develop a technical resource webpage that will enable states to work from a common platform for rule and permit limits. The resource webpage will facilitate the exchange of information, and provide access to the most up-to-date data, an effort critical to maximizing emission reductions. If deemed appropriate by SAS, and as resources allow, SAS will compile similar materials for small EGUs.
- Episodic Modeling – SAS, in conjunction with the OTC Modeling Committee and in coordination with other regional efforts, will develop a strategy for episodic modeling. SAS's role in this effort will be defined and presented to the Air Directors no later than September 30, 2020.
- OAQPS Engagement – The SAS Chair, OTC staff, and members of the Committee will identify opportunities to meet and brief OAQPS staff on the benefits of model rules completed by the OTC. SAS work will focus on facilitating information exchange and opening a dialogue on the feasibility of national action in targeted areas.

In addition to the above four efforts, SAS will work during the year on the Committee's 2021 Charge to further refocus the activities of the Committee. This effort began in April 2020 and requires additional refinement and prioritization to complete. In 2020, SAS will undertake a planning effort to inform the development of a 2021 charge.

Annual Report – Short reports on issues identified above must be available as a draft to the Air Directors by no later than March 1, 2021 and finalized into a single annual report of the OTC Stationary and Area Source Committee by no later than May 15, 2021.

The other Committees of the OTC are directed to aid the SAS in carrying out this charge. To implement this charge, OTC Staff will work with the Chair of the SAS and the Air Directors to produce a short, clear SAS work plan by July 17, 2020.

Additionally, if new information becomes available, the SAS, at the direction of the SAS Chair, will research and analyze additional strategies that reduce stationary and area source emissions in a cost-effective manner employing available emission inventory estimates. Changes to the work plan may be made by the OTC Lead Manager only after consultation with and approval of the Air Directors. The Chair of the SAS will communicate any changes to the work plan to the Committee.

Adopted by the Commission on June 2, 2020.