

**RESOLUTION OF THE STATES OF THE OZONE TRANSPORT COMMISSION
SUPPORTING THE CONTROL OF NITROGEN OXIDES AND CALLING FOR
ASSISTANCE AND FLEXIBILITY FOR PROMOTING EFFECTIVE CONTROL PLANS
FOR THE OZONE TRANSPORT REGION**

WHEREAS Title I of the Clean Air Act requires that regulations for Reasonably Available Control Technology on major sources of nitrogen oxides (NOx) be submitted as State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions by November 15, 1992; and

WHEREAS the OTC adopted a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on March 10, 1992, supporting the need for NOx control and committing to the 1992 NOx RACT SIP revisions; and

WHEREAS the States of the OTC are currently proceeding to adopt regulations for NOx RACT; and

WHEREAS numerous simulations by EPA using the Regional Oxidant Model (ROM) underscore the effectiveness of NOx emission reductions in controlling ground level ozone;

WHEREAS EPA is responsible for issuing guidance for States in preparation of SIP revisions under the Clean Air Act; and

WHEREAS EPA has issued guidance for some parts of the 1992 SIP revisions, but not for NOx RACT; and

WHEREAS the Ozone Transport Region (OTR) has been designated by the Clean Air Act as a special region with a distinct ground level ozone problem; and

WHEREAS some parts of the OTR have attainment dates as early as 1996;

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the OTC calls on EPA, as it develops its NOx guidance, to consider the unique status of the OTR, the results of the ROM simulations to date, and the need for substantial OTR NOx emission reductions for ozone attainment, while supporting the maximum reductions possible through the use of combustion controls; and

FURTHERMORE that the OTC calls on EPA to take into account the efforts of States of the OTC to develop effective NOx control regulations by the statutory deadline in the absence of Federal guidance and to support individual States as they finalize NOx control regulations; and

FURTHERMORE, that EPA accelerate the release of technical documentation which will assist both States and sources with the implementation of effective controls no later than the statutory compliance date of May 1995.

The resolution was approved by voice vote on October 20, 1992.