

**RESOLUTION OF THE STATES OF THE OZONE TRANSPORT COMMISSION URGING
EPA AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO DEVELOP IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
COMMISSION PROGRAMS TO UPGRADE AND ASSIST MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICE
TECHNICIANS IN PERFORMING PROPER EMISSION CONTROL MAINTENANCE IN
SUPPORT OF ENHANCED INSPECTION/MAINTENANCE (I/M) PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS an effective I/M program is critical to the success of OTC States in attaining air quality standards as required by the Federal Clean Air Act; and

WHEREAS some existing I/M programs have not achieved anticipated reductions due to ineffective vehicle maintenance programs; and

WHEREAS the quality of I/M vehicle maintenance is dependent on a combination of factors, including diagnosis and repair effectiveness, mechanic training and motivation, and quality control and support activities of governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS the success of I/M programs is dependent on the cooperation and shared responsibility of States, EPA, vehicle manufacturers, and other organizations involved with motor vehicle service; and

WHEREAS pursuant to requirements of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 EPA has adopted rules and guidance for enhanced I/M programs which include a more stringent emission reduction performance standard; and

WHEREAS each of the States of the Ozone Transport Commission is required to implement enhanced I/M programs which meet this performance standard; and

WHEREAS this performance standard is based on extensive EPA studies involving advanced inspection and maintenance procedures; and

WHEREAS according to the final EPA rules, the performance standard must be met by 1999; and

WHEREAS the performance standard can only be achieved if the motor vehicle service industry attains and maintains a high standard of proficiency in the diagnosis, maintenance, and repair of current and future technology motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS attainment of this standard of proficiency is dependent upon the motivation as well as ability of the service technician to properly repair excessively emitting motor vehicles; and

WHEREAS the motor vehicle service industry including the motor vehicle manufacturers, dealerships, the gasoline marketing industry, and the independent vehicle repair industry are the primary providers of incentives necessary to improve the ability and motivation of service technicians;

WHEREAS these new requirements and programs will necessitate a rededication of all those involved with I/M programs to upgrade training, evaluation of repairs, and program quality control; and

WHEREAS EPA has begun to organize a Vehicle Maintenance Initiative (VMI) with State and local governments and the vehicle maintenance industry, an initiative which is described as a long term program to improve the availability of qualified service technicians;

WHEREAS all enhanced I/M programs will have to fully implemented by the end of 1995; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the OTC calls upon all organizations and businesses involved with I/M to work with the OTC States on emphasizing improving maintenance skills in preparation for implementation of enhanced I/M programs in 1995 and beyond; and

FURTHERMORE the OTC supports EPA in its development of its Vehicle Maintenance Initiative; and

FURTHERMORE the Initiative and other related industry efforts should go beyond issues related to training and certification to issues related to ongoing monitoring and evaluation of repairs in the field.

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