



**OZONE
TRANSPORT
COMMISSION**

**Resolution 13-01 of the Ozone Transport Commission Calling on the
United States Environmental Protection Agency to Adopt the Ozone
Transport Commission's Consumer Products Model Rule as a National
Rule**

Whereas, the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC), a multi-state organization created under the Clean Air Act (CAA), is required to advise the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on practical and cost effective strategies or measures, based on sound science, to address the environmental and public health problem of ground-level ozone transport that negatively impacts the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions; and

Connecticut

Delaware

District of Columbia

Maine

Maryland

Massachusetts

New Hampshire

New Jersey

New York

Pennsylvania

Rhode Island

Vermont

Virginia

Whereas, ozone is a significant health threat and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) including those from Consumer Products are ozone precursors. It is known to cause respiratory illnesses, exacerbate or trigger asthma related episodes, increase respiratory-related emergency room, and hospital admissions, and compromise the immune system leading to increased incidents of other respiratory illnesses, including pneumonia and bronchitis, and to cause premature death; and

Whereas, Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) pose a significant health threat. They are known to cause eye, nose, and throat irritation; headaches, loss of coordination, nausea; damage to liver, kidney, and central nervous system, and some are suspected or known to cause cancer in humans; and

Whereas, the OTC, working closely with the consumer products industry has developed a model rule implementing cost efficient, scientifically sound regulations that lead to a substantial reduction of VOCs, as well as the added benefit of reducing air toxics; and

Whereas, the OTC and the Consumer Products stakeholder community desire an updated national rule; and

Whereas, OTC and industry stakeholders agree that the OTC Model Rule, if adopted nationally, would provide a 183,000 ton per year VOC reduction; and

Whereas, the OTC has previously asked EPA to adopt the OTC Consumer Products Model Rule as a National rule in 2009 and 2007.

Therefore Be It Resolved, the OTC respectfully requests that EPA adopt the attached OTC Consumer Product Model Rule as a national rule, replacing EPA's outdated national rule, which has not been updated to reflect current scientific and technological advances since 1998.

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