



## STATEMENT OF THE OZONE TRANSPORT COMMISSION (OTC) ON THE COMPLETION OF WORK ON THE AFTERMARKET CATALYTIC CONVERTER MODEL RULE

The member States and the District of Columbia (the States) of the OTC face a persistent problem in their efforts to attain and maintain the health-based national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) for ozone. The OTC is charged with identifying and addressing the contributions of all relevant sources of air pollution to the ozone problem, including the transport of ozone and its precursors, nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), into and within the ozone transport region (OTR). While the States have already taken steps to reduce ozone air pollution within the OTR, additional efforts may be needed to further reduce emissions from a variety of sectors to attain and maintain healthful air quality under the existing and future ozone NAAQS.

In response to the Commission's charge dated November 13, 2013, the OTC Mobile Source Committee has completed its work on a model rule for aftermarket catalytic converters through a comprehensive regional process that included significant opportunities for stakeholder participation. This strategy has been described in a detailed technical report.

Requiring the use of aftermarket catalytic converters that meet more stringent emission standards as outlined in the model rule is a cost-effective policy that states may pursue, as necessary and appropriate, to reduce ozone precursor emissions.

The Commission thanks the Committees for their work on this strategy.

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