



**OZONE
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**STATEMENT OF THE OZONE TRANSPORT COMMISSION (OTC) ON THE
COMPLETION OF WORK ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY STRATEGIES**

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The member States and District (the States) of the OTC face a persistent problem in their efforts to attain and maintain the health-based national ambient air quality standard (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_x) and volatile organic compounds (VOCs), into and within the ozone transport region (OTR). While the States have already taken aggressive steps to reduce ozone air pollution within the OTR, additional efforts are 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 May 24, 2012, the OTC Stationary/Area Source Committee has completed its work on energy efficiency strategies through a comprehensive regional process that included significant opportunities for stakeholder participation. This strategy has been described in a detailed technical report.

Energy efficiency strategies are a cost-effective policy states may pursue, as necessary and appropriate, to reduce or further reduce ozone precursor emissions.

The Commission thanks the Committees for their work on this strategy and finds that retrofitting buildings, so that they are more energy efficient, saves money as well as reduces air pollution.

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