



STATEMENT OF THE OZONE TRANSPORT COMMISSION (OTC) ON THE COMPLETION OF WORK ON THE ARCHITECTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL MAINTENANCE COATINGS 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_x) 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 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 June 11, 2014, the OTC Stationary and Area Source committee has completed its work on updating a model rule for Architectural and Industrial Maintenance Coatings through a comprehensive regional process that included significant opportunities for stakeholder participation.

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

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