



STATEMENT OF THE OZONE TRANSPORT COMMISSION (OTC) ON THE COMPLETION OF WORK ON THREE MODEL RULES

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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 November 10, 2011, the OTC Mobile Source Committee and Stationary/Area Source Committee have completed their work on three control measures through a comprehensive regional process that included significant opportunities for stakeholder participation. Each control measure is set out in a model rule, one for each of the following emissions categories:

- Nonroad Idling
- Consumer Products
- Solvent Degreasing

The three model rules are potentially cost-effective measures states may adopt, as necessary and appropriate, to reduce or further reduce ozone precursor emissions.

The Commission thanks the Committees for their work on these model rules and finds that 1) reducing nonroad idling saves money as well as reduces air pollution, 2) maintaining a consistent regional approach to consumer products is necessary to address the marketing needs of consumer product manufacturers, and 3) reducing the VOC content of degreasing solvents is a viable approach to obtain VOC reductions from certain source categories.

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