



STATEMENT OF THE OZONE TRANSPORT COMMISSION REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY UPDATE THE FEDERAL AFTERMARKET CATALYTIC CONVERTER POLICY

Connecticut

The Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) calls on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to prioritize an update to the federal Aftermarket Catalytic Converter (AMCC) Policy.

Delaware

District of Columbia

The current federal AMCC Policy was published on August 5, 1986 (Notice of Proposed Enforcement Policy regarding the "Sale and Use of Aftermarket Catalytic Converters," 51FR 28114) and has not been updated to reflect the significant changes in automotive technologies and vehicle emission standards. The OTC states requested that EPA update the AMCC Policy in 2009 and submitted a recommendation for an updated policy to EPA in 2011.

Maine

Maryland

Massachusetts

Based on OTC's technical analysis, updating the AMCC Policy to include current technology and standards would reduce emissions of oxides of nitrogen by up to 30 tons per day in the OTC member states. There would be additional emissions reductions from an updated AMCC Policy in the upwind states and through interstate vehicle travel. These reductions are necessary for states in the Ozone Transport Region to attain the 2015 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) of 70 ppb.

New Hampshire

New Jersey

New York

Pennsylvania

Rhode Island

Updating the AMCC Policy will help reduce emissions from the legacy vehicle fleet and assist states to meet the ozone health standard. The OTC completed a model rule for states to utilize due to lack of federal action and industry stakeholders have put forward a proposal for a voluntary green catalyst certification program. Industry stakeholders have raised concerns of a "patchwork" of state rules. This "patchwork" can be avoided with federal action.

Vermont

Virginia

The OTC calls on the EPA to prioritize an update to the federal AMCC Policy as expeditiously as practicable.

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