



**STATEMENT OF THE OZONE TRANSPORT COMMISSION AND MID-ATLANTIC/NORTHEAST VISIBILITY UNION REGARDING EXPEDITING ADOPTION BY THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OF MORE PROTECTIVE HEAVY-DUTY ENGINE NO<sub>x</sub> EMISSION STANDARDS**

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- Connecticut
  - Delaware
  - District of Columbia
  - Maine
  - Maryland
  - Massachusetts
  - New Hampshire
  - New Jersey
  - New York
  - Pennsylvania
  - Rhode Island
  - Vermont
  - Virginia

The Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) and the Mid-Atlantic/Northeast Visibility Union (MANE-VU) have identified the onroad heavy-duty engine and vehicle sector as a major and continuing contributor of tropospheric ozone forming and visibility impairing pollutants in the eastern United States. We also recognize that under principles of cooperative federalism, OTC, MANE-VU, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) should work together to reduce NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, including those from the heavy-duty engine and vehicle sector. Therefore, OTC and MANE-VU request that the EPA propose and expedite promulgation of strong national heavy-duty engine NO<sub>x</sub> standards. Such standards are critical for states in the Ozone Transport Region and MANE-VU to meet the public health-based 70 parts per billion (ppb) ozone standard, and to improve citizen experiences in national parks, forests, and wilderness areas.

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