



## Recommendation from the Ozone Transport Commission to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Implementation of the New Ozone Standard

Pursuant to Section 109(d) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), requiring that the U.S. EPA review and revise periodically as appropriate, the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for criteria pollutants, the EPA issued a new eight-hour ozone standard on March 12, 2008. EPA lowered the ozone NAAQS from 0.08 parts per million to 0.075 parts per million (ppm).

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While a number of states and stakeholders are advocating that the new ozone standard be set at a level within the range of 0.060 ppm to 0.070 ppm, as recommended by the EPA's independent Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee (CASAC), the new ozone standard offers more protection of the public health than the previous standard.

Recognizing the benefits of the 0.075 ppm ozone standard, the Commission calls on EPA to adhere to the deadlines required under the Clean Air Act for implementation of the new ozone standard so that states can attain and maintain the new standard throughout the Ozone Transport Region (OTR) as expeditiously as possible.

Exceedances of the new standard may occur outside the current ozone season, which has implications for monitoring, designations and classifications, seasonal control measures, and modeling procedures.

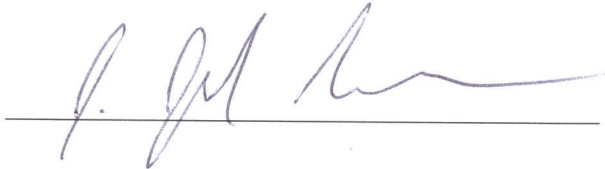
In order to achieve and maintain the new standard and provide additional and substantial further protection of the public health by the earliest possible date, the Commission calls on the EPA to do the following in a timeframe that allows states and tribes to meet Clean Air Act deadlines:

- Integrate the new ozone standard into the Agency's strategic plan to determine the scope of the effort that will be required for this mandate and to provide the necessary federal and state support, in terms of both personnel and funding, for its timely implementation;
- Begin to work with state, and local air agency officials and tribes throughout the country to determine the full scope of the contribution of transported ozone precursor emissions to non-attainment areas, devise a national strategy and adopt national rules for addressing the full transport component;
- Prepare the timelines, designations, classifications, guidance, rules and other official policies and procedures addressing, among other issues, the effective longer ozone season, necessary for state and local air officials and tribes to develop their state implementation plans and to comply with

Clean Air Act requirements. EPA should provide these documents for state and local air officials' review and comment as early as possible; and

- Without delaying the designations and attainment dates required for the new standard, ensure that there is a monitoring network sufficient to identify appropriate non-attainment areas.

Adopted by the Commission on June 11, 2008

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