

Statement on Multi-Pollutant Emission Control of Electrical Generating Units

The Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) continues to assert that further emission reductions from Electrical Generating Units (EGUs) beyond the levels in the federal Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) are cost effective and would produce substantial health benefits.

The benefits from the implementation of the OTC NO_x MOU (1999) and the subsequent USEPA NO_x SIP Call (2003) have resulted in significant improvements in ozone air quality in the region. With the implementation of additional measures, including ozone control measures specified in the OTC Resolution 06-02, the air quality will continue to improve. Recent analysis of a beyond CAIR emission reduction strategy for the electric generating unit sector demonstrates that the health care benefits far exceed the control costs.

Given the substantial health benefits, the OTC states urge Congress and EPA to pursue a strengthened national policy that fully addresses the public health impacts of EGU emissions. The OTC is committed to continuing to work with federal leaders, other states across the CAIR region, and to consider legal mechanisms as necessary to develop and implement a strategy to obtain additional cost effective emission reductions from the electric generating unit sector.

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