

My role at the

## **THE OZONE TRANSPORT COMMISSION (OTC)**

### **CREATION OF THE OTC**

- ✘ The Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) is a multi-state organization created under the Clean Air Act (CAA) Amendments of 1990.
- ✘ The CAA Amendments made OTC and its member states responsible for advising EPA on transport issues and for developing strategies to reduce ground-level ozone in the region through state cooperation.

## STRUCTURE AND PURPOSE

- ✘ OTC's membership consists of:
  - + Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, the District of Columbia, and Northern Virginia.
- ✘ States Work Through OTC to:
  - + Develop model rules to reduce emissions of ozone precursors (for adoption by OTC states).
  - + Consult with EPA on national policies that affect ozone levels in the OTC region

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Three committees (of which the first 2 develop model rules):

- ✘ Stationary and Area Sources
- ✘ Mobile Sources
- ✘ Modeling

Each committee:

- ✘ Is chaired by an Air Director and staffed by state technical staff who perform technical work

The 2 committees that develop model rules:

- ✘ Analyze control options, seek stakeholder comments, and draft model rules to recommend to the Commission

## NOTABLE OTC SUCCESSES

- ✘ The OTR NOx Budget Program—similar to Acid Rain trading program:
  - + Launched regional cooperation within the OTR and reduced NOx emissions in the OTR by 60% from 1990 Baseline
  - + Led to EPA's NOx SIP Call for EGU NOx trading in the Northeast, Midwest and South (which led to CAIR and Transport Rule 1)
- ✘ Creation of model rules, such as:
  - + Consumer Products
  - + Architectural, Industrial and Maintenance Coatings
  - + Portable Fuel Containers
  - + Mobile Equipment Repair and Refinishing
  - + Distributed Generation Standards
  - + Asphalt Paving

## MY ROLE

- ✘ Manage the Stationary and Area Source Committee
- ✘ Draft comment documents to EPA and Congress (as necessary)
- ✘ Draft White Papers
- ✘ Model rule language development and editing
- ✘ Monitor federal legislation and national rules