Connecticut DEP/OTC Process

SIPRAC 2/11/10

OTC Mission

- Established by federal CAA
- Develops recommendations for control measures to be applied in the region to support attainment
- Makes recommendations to EPA
- Coordinates SIP development work efforts b/c ozone SIPs require significant modeling on regional platform and more efficient than each state replicating same work

OTC Structure

- Commission members appointed by the Governors
- Commission staff coordinate work effort as directed by the Commission
- Committees of state technical staff do the analyses
- Committees include: inventory, modeling, mobile, stationary/area sources

The OTC SAS Committee Process

- Assess control strategies for consideration in ozone SIPs, including RACT and RACM categories to be updated or added.
- Workgroups formed for each category.
- Identify control measures.
- Evaluate emission reductions.
- Evaluate control costs.
- Prepare white paper for recommendation.
- Include potential reductions in modeling.
- As needed, develop model rules.

CTDEP - OTC Process

- Staff participate on OTC workgroups.
- Evaluate CT emissions inventory and emissions reduction potentials.
- Assist with development of OTC White Papers and Model Rules.
- Inform SIPRAC of potential control measures and ability to comment during the OTC stakeholder meetings.
- Evaluate each individual measure to determine if "appropriate and reasonable" for CT.
- If reasonable and appropriate to adopt a control measure, go through stakeholder and state regulatory development process, including all public participation elements required under the Administrative Procedures Act.

CTDEP's Enhanced Stakeholder Input Effort

- Obtain CT stakeholder input earlier in the OTC process by assuring stakeholders know what staff are working on and are better prepared to comment effectively at committee meetings.
- Conduct targeted stakeholder meetings during the OTC process in order to learn CT industry specific concerns so state specific needs and concerns get considered before recommendations go to the Commission.
- Include staff from field enforcement on the OTC workgroups so practical implementation experience go into strategy development.
- As needed, schedule additional stakeholder meetings upon public release of the proposed control measures.

OTC Opportunities

- Obtain CT stakeholder input earlier in OTC process.
- Work with CT stakeholders to help them more effectively participate in evaluation of control measures and development of model rules.
- CTDEP will continue to participate in regional efforts to encourage additional "upwind" reductions.
- Stakeholders need to comment on OTC on model rules or control measures.

OTC Formal Public Participation

- Committees seek stakeholder input before Commission meetings so they can make recommendation
- Commission meetings provide another opportunity for stakeholder comment

OTC Activity in 2009

- February 2009, Committee Meeting
 - Presented SIP timeline & requested ideas for control measures
- June 2009, OTC Annual Meeting
 - Distributed white papers and provided info for evaluating control measures
- September 2009, Committee Meeting
 - Presented guidelines and described recommended provisions
- November 2009, OTC Fall Meeting
 - Stakeholder comment opportunity and autobody action



- Control measures under consideration by the committees will be presented
- Stakeholder comments encouraged



OTC Stationary Source Control Measures

- Small boilers, generators and heaters
 - Large above-ground storage tanks
- Stationary generators (i.e., distributed generators)
- Update to the consumer product rule
 - Update to the AIM rule
 - Low VOC solvent for degreasers
 - Oil- and gas-fired boilers

Small Boilers, Generators and Heaters

- Based on San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Rule 4308 and Rule 4307, California Air Resources Board Regulations and Texas Air Control Board Regulations.
- Does not apply to, among other things, units located in residential dwellings designed for 4 or fewer families.
- Applies to units between 75 MBtu/hr-5 MMBtu/hr manufactured, supplied, sold, offered for sale, installed or solicited to be installed on or after January 1, 2013.

Stationary Generators

- Purpose: Ensure that small distributed generators that generate on high electric demand days are properly controlled
- Loosely based on the Regulatory Assistance Project Model Rule for Smaller Scale Electric Generation Resources
- Currently, no agreement on definitions of "emergency" and "emergency generator"
- In CT, considering notification or registration for all existing generators with no new emissions limitations in the near-term.

Large Above Ground Storage Tanks

- Based on the updated New Jersey regulation (N.J.A.C. 7:27-16.2)
- Level of control dependant on tank capacity and vapor pressure of the material stored
- Most requirements only apply to tanks with capacities > 40,000 gallons
- Phased compliance over 10 years for upgrades that require removing tank from service

Consumer Product Rule Update

- Adds product categories (e.g., fabric softener, furniture maintenance products, oven cleaner) and revises VOC content limits for several products.
- Based on regulatory revisions in California's consumer product program.
- Revisions are generally supported by the national Consumer Specialty Products Association.

Potential OTC Transportation Emission Reduction Strategies

- Non-road Equipment Idling
- Catalytic Converters
- Seaports
- Lightering
- Transportation Conformity

Questions

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