

## **5. POLICY POSITION**

### **RE-ENDORSEMENT OF THE OZONE TRANSPORT ASSESSMENT GROUP**

#### **BACKGROUND**

During the 1996 Annual Meeting of the Southern Legislative Conference, a resolution endorsing the Ozone Transport Assessment Group (OTAG) was adopted by the Conference. That resolution called for OTAG to: seek the active participation of state elected officials in formulating the final recommendations; recommend the most cost efficient means of reducing transport of ozone based on sound science; submit its final recommendations to legislative leadership before submitting them to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and seek the approval of state legislatures and executive branches regarding recommendations resulting from OTAG.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Despite the passage of the 1996 Southern Legislative Conference policy position concerning OTAG, the concerns presented in that policy position were not adequately addressed. Therefore, the Southern Legislative Conference of The Council of State Governments urges OTAG to inform the 16 member state legislatures of the Conference and actively seek their input as a part of the development of State Implementation Plans.

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