

This Month at NESCAUM April 2018

Climate and Energy

EPA Reconsideration of Mid-term Evaluation of GHG Emissions Standards for Model Year 2022-2025 Light-duty Vehicles: On April 2, EPA announced it would be revising the MY2022-2025 light-duty vehicle GHG emission standards previously harmonized with the CA Clean Car Program. NESCAUM issued a [statement](#) expressing disappointment with EPA's reconsideration of the consensus agreement previously forged by EPA, California, and the automakers. NESCAUM also facilitated a [bipartisan joint commissioners' letter](#) in opposition to EPA's reconsideration, which was signed by the environmental agency heads from CT, DE, DC, MD, MA, NJ, OR, PA, RI, VT, and WA. Contacts: [Matt Solomon](#) and [Kathy Kinsey](#).

Mobile Sources

Collaboration for ZEV Success Meeting: The Collaboration for ZEV Success, a partnership between automakers and the ZEV states to work together to advance the ZEV market, met in New York City on March 28-29. Discussion topics included updating the Multi-State ZEV Action Plan, hydrogen infrastructure in the Northeast, utility engagement on transportation electrification, electrifying car sharing and ride-sharing fleets, and the EV awareness campaign, "Drive Change. Drive Electric." The meetings were held on-site at the New York International Auto Show, which provided states representatives with the opportunity to view and learn about the electric vehicles on display there. Contact: [Elaine O'Grady](#).

Draft Northeast Corridor Regional Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy and Electrify America Cycle 2 Recommendations: On March 27, NESCAUM transmitted to Electrify America a draft NE Corridor Regional Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Strategy, along with a set of specific recommendations for Electrify America's Cycle 2 investments. Both documents are the product of the NE Corridor Steering Committee, comprised of representatives of the 12 Northeast Corridor states from Maine to Virginia, the District of Columbia, the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, and Georgetown Climate Center. NESCAUM is facilitating the work of the Steering Committee. The Regional Infrastructure Strategy is intended to facilitate coordinated and complementary investments by states, utilities, automakers, Electrify America and other EVSE providers through recommendations on overarching infrastructure issues and identification of stakeholder/investor roles and priority actions for building a robust charging network in the NE Corridor. The recommendations for Electrify America focus in large part on investment in DC fast charging, the recently launched joint state/automaker funded consumer outreach campaign, Drive Change. Drive Electric, and corporate lead-by-example initiatives modeled on "Drive the Dream" type events. The Regional Infrastructure Strategy will be finalized following stakeholder input. Contact: [Kathy Kinsey](#).

Drive Change. Drive Electric.: On March 29, at the New York International Auto Show, 16 automakers and 7 Northeast states launched the 'Drive Change. Drive Electric.' campaign to advance consumer awareness, understanding, and consideration of electric cars in the Northeast.

Elements of the program include a newly-launched website, advertising, social media, strategic partnerships, events, and other content efforts. The platforms will work together to connect the public with information to help them experience and consider an electric car as their next vehicle purchase, reaching those beyond today's enthusiastic and early adopters. The campaign website is www.driveelectricUS.com, and you can follow the campaign @DriveElectricUS on Twitter and Facebook. Some highlights of media coverage on the campaign launch include Mashable, Reuters, Reuters Sustainability, Automotive News, The Verge, Axios Generate, Curbed, Smart Cities Dive, The New York Times, Business Insider, CNBC, U.S. World Report News and New York Business Journal. Contact: [Elaine O'Grady](#).

Multi-State Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Task Force Meeting: The Multi-State ZEV Task Force held an in-person meeting for states only in New York City on March 28, 2018. The states shared information on efforts in their states to grow the market for ZEVs; received an update from the California Air Resources Board; and discussed plans for updating the Multi-State ZEV Action Plan. States represented at the meeting included California, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, and Rhode Island. Contact: [Elaine O'Grady](#).

National Conference of Environmental Legislators Webinar: On March 19, Matt Solomon presented an informational webinar to the National Conference of Environmental Legislators on the topic of state zero-emission vehicle (ZEV) requirements. The webinar included an overview of the technical requirements and a discussion of ongoing efforts by the Multi-State ZEV Task Force to accelerate light-duty ZEV adoption. Contact: [Matt Solomon](#).

NJ Clean Air Council Annual Public Hearing: On April 12, Matt Solomon presented an update on the Multi-State ZEV Task Force at the New Jersey Clean Air Council's Annual Public Hearing in Trenton, NJ. He highlighted several northeast state policy examples to promote ZEV adoption, and discussed the continuing need for both individual state and coordinated multi-state efforts to expand ZEV charging infrastructure, promote purchase incentives, improve customer awareness, increase ZEVs in public fleets, and working to remove barriers for dealerships. Contact: [Matt Solomon](#).

Update of the Multi-State ZEV Action Plan: NESCAUM is continuing work with the Multi-State ZEV Task Force to update the 2014 Action Plan. The Task Force presented the preliminary draft plan recommendations and heard feedback from the OEMs at the annual states/OEM meeting during the New York International Auto Show. It was a constructive and lively discussion. Other stakeholder meetings to gather input on the draft recommendations are in progress, including phone conferences with the Dealership workgroup convened by NESCAUM and chaired by CT and NJ, an East Coast EV utility workgroup facilitated by M.J. Bradley & Associates, select EVSE providers and the staff at the New England Conference of Public Utility Commissioners (NECPUC). In May, a complete draft of the plan will be assembled and reviewed by Task Force states. Release of the Plan is targeted for June 19 and 20, and will likely

include coordinated press outreach and an informational session at a national EV conference in Oregon. Contact: [Sarah McKearnan](#).

Policy

Connecticut §126(b) Petition Comments: On March 26, NESCAUM submitted [comments](#) to EPA on its proposed denial of Connecticut's §126(b) petition, which asked EPA to find that emissions from the Brunner Island Steam Electric Station in York County, PA significantly contributed to nonattainment and interfered with maintenance of the 2008 ozone NAAQS in Connecticut in violation of the Clean Air Act's §110(a)(2)(D) "good neighbor provision." NESCAUM's comments disagreed with EPA's proposed denial on several grounds, including EPA's failure to account for allowable emissions in a manner consistent with its prior action on a §126(b) petition from New Jersey. On April 6, EPA announced its final decision to deny CT's petition. Contact: [Paul Miller](#).

Science and Technology

HY-C Wood Furnace Manufacturer Meeting: NESCAUM staff met in St. Louis, MO with HY-C, a wood furnace manufacturing company, to gain a better understanding of wood furnace operations, design, and test method elements. Wood furnaces were regulated for the first time under the 2015 New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for residential wood heating devices. Previous NESCAUM research focused on developing improved test methods for residential wood heat stoves and boilers, and with the revised NSPS our work is now being extended to the wood furnace category. Contact: [Lisa Rector](#).

Long Island Sound Tropospheric Ozone Study (LISTOS): NESCAUM continues coordinating a multi-agency research initiative to investigate air pollution formation and transport downwind of New York City over Long Island Sound and into coastal New England. The group has now adopted the name "Long Island Sound Tropospheric Ozone Study" (LISTOS), and NESCAUM launched on April 12 an informational website for the [LISTOS](#) campaign. Project participants include the City College of New York (CCNY), CT DEEP, ME DEP, NASA, NJ DEP, NYS DEC, NOAA, University at Albany-SUNY, and the University of Maryland (UMD). The federal agencies are providing in-kind support, and NESCAUM has obtained additional funding from the New York State Energy and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. In late March, researchers from NOAA-Boulder were in New York City collecting volatile organic compound (VOC) measurements to investigate the relative importance of consumer products in the regional VOC inventory. In coordination with the NOAA-Boulder ground measurements, the UMD aircraft flew a route around New York City on March 26 to collect ambient VOC and other air pollutant data in the New York City plume, with VOC canisters being analyzed by labs at NYS DEC and NOAA-Boulder. Contact: [Paul Miller](#).

Committee Updates

Air Toxics and Public Health (ATPH) Committee: The next monthly ATPH Committee call is scheduled for Thursday, April 19, at 2:00. Contact: [Kara Murphy](#).

Attainment and Planning Committee (APC): The NESCAUM APC held its annual meeting April 17 and 18 at CT DEEP in Hartford. The final agenda and presentations are available on request to [George Allen](#).

Permit Modeling Committee (PMC): The monthly PMC call was held on Thursday, March 22. EPA and states presented their agency updates. The 2018 Regional, State, and Local Modelers' Workshop is scheduled to be held June 5-7, 2018 in Boston. The next PMC call is scheduled for Thursday, April 19 at 10:00 am. Contact: [Mahdi Ahmadi](#).

Training

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