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**NESCAUM Releases Draft Multi-State Medium-and Heavy-Duty  
Zero-Emission Vehicle Action Plan for Public Comment**

On behalf of the signatories of the Multi-State Medium- and Heavy-Duty (MHD) Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM) has released a draft [Multi-State MHD ZEV Action Plan](#) for a 45-day public comment period. Comments should be submitted through NESCAUM's [Public Input Portal](#) by April 25, 2022.

The draft *Action Plan* discusses the barriers and opportunities associated with electrifying MHD vehicles, including large trucks, vans, and buses; underscores the importance of an equitable transition to MHD ZEVs; and prioritizes deployment of these vehicles in frontline and overburdened communities disproportionately impacted by air pollution and climate change. With a focus on near-term strategies, the draft *Action Plan* includes more than 60 recommendations for state policymakers to promote the rapid, equitable, and widespread deployment of MHD ZEVs, including:

- Sales and fleet purchase requirements;
- Vehicle and infrastructure purchase incentives;
- Electric utility and utility regulator actions;
- Innovative financing for fleet conversions;
- Outreach and education;
- Economic equity, workforce development, and interagency coordination;
- Community air monitoring;
- Long-haul and community trucking infrastructure planning and deployment; and
- Areas for ongoing multi-state research and policy evaluation.

The participating jurisdictions include the states of California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, and Washington, the District of Columbia, and the Canadian province of Quebec. Pursuant to the MOU, NESCAUM assisted the participating jurisdictions with the development of the draft *Action Plan* through the Multi-State ZEV Task Force.