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MFS comments
to DEP re OTR....



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SUBJECT: Ozone Transport Region Petition

Dear Mr. Crawford:

The Maine Forest Service supports DEP's petition to remove a portion of Maine from the Ozone Transport Region (OTR). This is a common-sense approach to air quality regulation in the state. We concur with the DEP's analysis of the situation and the justification for removal.

Our agency's mission is to protect and enhance Maine's forest resources for all of the benefits the forest provides. DEP's petition is consistent with our mission.

If the petition is granted, it would reduce the regulatory burden on a significant portion of Maine's forest products industry and seems likely to stimulate investments in technological improvements that would allow the industry to remain competitive. As the petition states, firms seeking to increase production will still be required to use the best available control technologies.

We encourage DEP to move forward with this petition as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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