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SUPPORTING INNOVATION AND VOLUNTARY PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, ECOS supports state flexibility to implement programs as efficiently and as effectively as possible, and

WHEREAS, Regulatory innovations and voluntary programs are valuable for incubating and producing new approaches to environmental protection, and

WHEREAS, Voluntary programs and regulatory innovations have resulted in major successes such as performance track and the environmental results program, and

WHEREAS, ECOS has enjoyed a productive relationship with USEPA developing and disseminating innovative environmental programs, through the Innovation Action Council, innovation symposium, innovations grants, Environmental Results Program consortium and other forums, and

WHEREAS, In times of budget constraints, innovations and voluntary programs can play a key role in more efficient delivery of environmental results,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

ECOS urges USEPA to engage with the states to jointly evaluate the effectiveness of innovative and voluntary programs, and

ECOS supports state use and USEPA's support of state innovations including credit for such programs under element 13 of the environmental review framework and other USEPA program evaluation mechanisms, and

ECOS urges USEPA to continue to support the exploration of innovative ideas, coordination of innovation activities, development and integration of voluntary programs and replication of innovative approaches through consultation with the states, continuation of the innovation grant program, meaningful state participation in the Innovation Action Council, and the innovation symposium, and

ECOS request that USEPA continue to invest in coordinated, joint planning of collaborative approaches to innovation that has achieved strong State-EPA partnership.