

Statement from National Association of Clean Air Agencies Executive Director S. William Becker

"NACAA welcomes EPA's issuance today of its final finding that greenhouse gases endanger public health and welfare. This finding is long overdue and overwhelmingly supported by an extensive body of peer-reviewed science. While we strongly support congressional adoption of a mandatory economy-wide GHG emissions reduction program, we note that the Clean Air Act contains a suite of regulatory tools that allow for the implementation of effective GHG control programs that can serve as a bridge to future climate legislation. Given the challenges our nation and the world face in addressing global warming, we urge that EPA not wait for congressional action but instead use its existing authorities to enact regulations to reduce GHG emissions. Today's endangerment finding is a necessary and important step on this path, and NACAA applauds EPA's action. "