

Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Public Notice

INFORMATIONAL MEETING REGARDING AIR QUALITY MONITORING PROJECTS IN HARTFORD AND EAST HARTFORD

STATE OF CONNECTICUT, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) will hold a public information meeting on Monday August 21, 2023, concerning air quality monitoring projects to be conducted in Hartford and East Hartford, beginning this summer. Monitoring will be conducted using DEEP's new Geospatial Measurement of Air Pollution, or "GMAP," air quality monitoring vehicle. The GMAP vehicle can detect and record in real-time the concentration of 16 different air pollutants, including toxic vapors, particulate matter, and greenhouse gases. The GMAP vehicle provides the benefits of a "Next Generation Compliance" enforcement tool and will allow DEEP to identify new or previously unknown sources of air pollution and to prioritize inspections of air pollution sources based on environmental risk. With the GMAP vehicle, DEEP will conduct air quality monitoring throughout the state, emphasizing monitoring in environmental justice and historically overburdened communities.

The meeting will consist of an informational presentation given by DEEP, followed by an opportunity for comments and questions by members of the public. The meeting is open to all interested, especially to those who live, work, or attend school within the affected communities. If you are unable to attend this meeting, DEEP will post a recording of the meeting to its website. Written comments are also welcome and may be submitted to: Lakisha.Stephenson@ct.gov until September 22, 2023.

The meeting will be held remotely via the Zoom online platform on Monday August 21, at 5:30 pm. To register for the meeting, please navigate to the following link:

https://ctdeep.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GpzsrN5ORIuvlGTVG2H7og

More information about the GMAP program can be found at: <u>Geospatial Measurement of Air</u> <u>Pollution - GMAP (ct.gov).</u>

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