

**EXTENSION OF CONTINUOUS EMISSIONS MONITORING
1ST QUARTER REPORTING
UNDER REGULATIONS OF STATE AGENCIES §§ 22a-174-4(d)(4)-(5),
22a-174-22e(k)(3), and 22a-174-38(l)(2)
DURING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY**

Pursuant to the authority granted by Governor Ned Lamont's Executive Order 7M, dated March 25, 2020, issued in furtherance of his declaration of a public health emergency and a civil preparedness emergency as a result of the COVID-19 emergency, the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is issuing an extension of the current April 30, 2020 deadline to June 1, 2020, in which to comply with the Continuous Emissions Monitoring Reporting.

As stated in the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies §§ 22a-174-4(d)(4)-(5), 22a-174-22e(k)(3), and 22a-174-38(l)(2) concerning Continuous Emissions Monitoring (CEM), emissions reporting is required for each calendar quarter by regulated businesses. These regulated businesses include fuel burning sources and municipal waste combustors. Specifically, the owner or operator of any CEM equipment shall submit data, including, but not limited to, all pertinent emission data, data that demonstrates compliance with an emission limitation or standards, copy of quality assurance audits, and summaries of all corrective actions taken in response to a failed CEM equipment audit.

While DEEP monitors air quality to fulfill its critical mission to protect public health and the environment, the agency is also cognizant of the impact of the COVID-19 health threat on the public and agency personnel, and the restrictions imposed consistent with the Governor's public health and civil preparedness emergency declaration such as his message to residents to "Stay Safe, Stay Home." Based on this assessment, DEEP considers it necessary to temporarily lessen certain administrative requirements which may be difficult for the regulated community to achieve at this time or disruptive to an effective response to the global pandemic.

DEEP recognizes that the upcoming compliance reporting due date for April 30th may present both a financial and administrative burden to the regulated community during this health threat. In order to provide greater flexibility during this unique event, DEEP is only temporarily extending the submission deadline for the 1st Quarter CEM Report from April 30, 2020, to June 1, 2020.

This action in no way impacts or suspends the requirements of regulated businesses to continue to compile and maintain the emission data, audits, and summaries of corrective action taken as described above. All required monitoring, record keeping, and notification requirements remain in effect during this extension.

Continuous emissions monitoring remains an important tool to assess compliance and/or progress made toward meeting ambient air quality standards. DEEP will continue to follow the situation and notes that additional flexibility may be granted if necessary. This waiver does not supersede any other statute or regulation in effect or under the purview of DEEP related to air emission standards and regulations.

Executed this 1st day of April, 2020.



Katherine S. Dykes, Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection