June 23, 2022

John Rogan, Manager
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Re: State Implementation Plan Revision – Ozone Attainment Demonstration for Areas Classified Serious Nonattainment for the 2008 Ozone Standards.

Dear Mr. Rogan:

In accordance with 40 CFR 51 Appendix V, the enclosed revision to Connecticut’s State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality is submitted for your approval. The plan includes the attainment demonstration for the 2008 national ambient air quality standard for ozone and quantification of the overwhelming transport that prevents Connecticut from attaining the 2008 standard regardless of our significant efforts toward that goal.

Notice of the proposed SIP revision was published on November 10, 2021. Comments were accepted through January 6, 2022, the date of the public hearing. However, no request for hearing was made as a result of the notice and no hearing was held. The documents for this SIP revision include a copy of the notice of opportunity for public hearing and comment, documentation of the comments received, and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection’s (DEEP’s) responses thereto specifying revisions made to the proposed SIP revision. Given the time elapse from the date of public notice for this proposed SIP revision, DEEP has updated non-substantive portions of the SIP narrative to better reflect the current factual status of internally referenced materials. The scope of these changes are identified in DEEP’s response to comments document.

We would like to thank EPA Staff, including Bob McConnell and Ariel Garcia, for their assistance in finalizing Connecticut’s ozone SIP revisions. Electronic duplicates of this SIP revision have been emailed to those staff and can be found on DEEP’s ozone planning webpage. Additionally, we have submitted an exact duplicate electronic copy through EPA’s Central Data Exchange. If you have any questions regarding this SIP revision, please contact Ms. Kristin Salimeno at 860-424-3055.

Sincerely,

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Bureau of Air Management