Notice of Intent to Revise the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality: Attainment Demonstration for the Greater Connecticut Nonattainment Area for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) and Statewide Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets.

The Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) hereby gives notice of intent to revise the State Implementation Plan (SIP) to comply with the 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone. This plan is necessary to fulfill the requirements under sections 172 and 182(b) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) for moderate nonattainment areas. This revision addresses the attainment demonstration, for the Greater Connecticut Nonattainment Area, which is comprised of Litchfield, Hartford, Tolland, Windham and New London Counties. DEEP concludes that the Greater Connecticut Nonattainment area is likely to attain the 2008 ozone NAAQS by the end of the 2017 ozone season. This SIP revision also includes motor vehicle emissions budgets for both Greater Connecticut and Southwest Connecticut. This attainment demonstration and motor vehicle emissions budgets will be submitted to the EPA for review and approval.

The authority to adopt this SIP revision is granted by section 22a-174 of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS). This notice is required pursuant to 40 Code of the Federal Regulations 51.102.

A copy of the proposed SIP revision is available for public inspection during normal business hours at DEEP’s Bureau of Air Management, Planning and Standards Division 5th Floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT and may be reviewed by contacting Kathleen Knight at 860-424-3823. The SIP Revision is also available at the link below.

All interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed SIP revision. Comments should be submitted via electronic mail to Kathleen.knight@ct.gov or via postal carrier to Kathleen Knight at the DEEP, Bureau of Air Management, 5th Floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-4064. All comments should be received by 4:30 PM on November 28, 2016.

In accordance with 40 CFR 51.102, DEEP will hold a hearing at the time and location set out below.

PUBLIC HEARING
November 28, 2016 at 1:00 PM
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, 5th Floor, Holcombe Room, 79 Elm St
Hartford, CT 06106

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Draft Greater Connecticut Ozone Attainment Plan and Statewide Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets

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