



# STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



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Dear Mr. Conroy:

Enclosed for your review and approval is the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection's (CTDEP's) Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision. I am pleased to demonstrate through this SIP revision the many steps Connecticut is taking to help restore natural visibility conditions in our national parks and wilderness areas. This SIP revision identifies actions taken to meet reasonable progress goals and explains Connecticut's long-term strategy and commitment to assist impacted Class I areas in meeting regional haze goals.

Connecticut is a member of the Mid-Atlantic/Northeast Visibility Union (MANE-VU), and the background for this SIP revision was developed in coordination with the other MANE-VU states. Elements of the SIP revision include an identification of baseline and natural visibility conditions; monitoring strategies for tracking reasonable progress; an alternative program for Best Available Retrofit Technology; and a commitment to perform periodic evaluations towards meeting reasonable progress goals. The SIP revision narrative includes elements responsive to the technical requirements of 40 CFR 51, Appendix V.

To satisfy the administrative, public participation requirements of 40 CFR 51, Appendix V, Section 2.1, this submission includes the following documents:

- A copy of the notice of public hearing and comment, as published in four area newspapers;
- A certification of the public hearing; and
- A hearing report, including the comment received and CTDEP's responses thereto, specifying revisions made to the proposed SIP revision in response to comment.

In the interest of conserving resources and at the suggestion of your staff, we are enclosing a single paper copy and one electronic copy of this SIP revision. If you have any questions or comments regarding the submission, or if CTDEP may be of any assistance in your review, please contact Anne Gobin, Chief, Bureau of Air Management at 860-424-3026.

Yours truly,

Amey W. Marrella  
Commissioner

cc: Anne McWilliams, EPA Region 1 (cover letter only)