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In accordance with Public Act 18-82, the University of Connecticut shall update and publish the sea level change scenarios published by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in Technical Report OAR CPO-1, and the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection shall publish the sea level change scenario for the state. Such sea level change scenario shall guide municipal and state planning in the manner described in Public Act 18-82, including its use in the following planning documents:

1. Municipal evacuation or hazard mitigation plans;
2. The state's civil preparedness plan and program;
3. Municipal plans of conservation and development; and
4. Revisions to the state's plan of conservation and development.

The Connecticut Institute for Resilience and Climate Adaptation (CIRCA) at the University of Connecticut has updated the sea level change scenarios as required in Public Act 18-82. The analysis supporting this recommendation is available in the report entitled Sea Level Rise in Connecticut by James O'Donnell, available online at: <https://circa.uconn.edu>. The CTDEEP conducted a hearing on October 2, 2018 and published a Hearing's Officer's Report on December 21, 2018.

I hereby adopt CIRCA's recommended sea level change scenario as described in the Final Sea Level Change Scenario Report, and more specifically:

The sea level rise scenario shall be 0.5 m (1 foot 8 inches) higher than the national tidal datum in Long Island Sound by 2050.

The sea level change scenario report along with the hearing officer's report are published on the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection website.

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Commissioner