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Re: Notice of Intent to Amend Air Quality Regulations and Revise the State Implementation Plan

Dear Jordana Graveley,

The Council on Environmental Quality (Council) provides the following comments regarding the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) proposed regulatory amendments and revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP).

The Council supports the proposed changes to the air quality regulations that include:

- the reduction of the annual average ambient impact level for fine particulate matter in the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) section 22a-174-3a(I)(1) from 0.3 micrograms per cubic meter to 0.13 micrograms per cubic meter;
- the addition of the reduced secondary annual ambient air quality standard for sulfur dioxide in RCSA section 22a-174-24(d); and
- the addition of the reduced primary annual ambient air quality standard for fine particulate matter in RCSA section 22a-174-24(f) from 12.0 micrograms per cubic meter to 9.0 micrograms per cubic meter.

Breathing in unhealthy levels of fine particulates can increase the risk of health problems like heart and lung disease, asthma, low birth weight, and premature death. The Council has received numerous complaints and inquiries regarding the potential health impacts of fine particulate matter and other air pollutants associated with mobile sources, such as vehicles and aircraft, in the New Haven area. The Council encourages DEEP to continue its efforts to reduce air pollution, including fine particulate matter, that causes or exacerbates health problems that impact the quality of life for many of Connecticut's residents.

Thank you for your consideration of the Council's comments.

Sincerely,

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