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Re: Connecticut Climate Progress Report Comments

The Council on Environmental Quality (Council) has reviewed the draft report developed by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), in consultation with the Office of Policy and Management (OPM) and the Governor's Council on Climate Change (GC3) and offers the following comments.

The Council supports the actions being undertaken by DEEP and others to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. As noted in the Council's annual report, [*Environmental Quality in Connecticut*](#)¹, Connecticut's climate is getting warmer and wetter. And while the development of zero-carbon generation capacity, the use of energy storage and electric drive vehicles, and the preservation of land are increasing, Connecticut is not on track to meet its GHG emissions targets by 2030, 2040 and 2050.

The Council encourages DEEP to expand and enhance its efforts to reduce GHG emissions and to address climate mitigation and adaptation. Without urgent action, the impacts of climate change, such as poor air quality, droughts and flooding, sea level rise, and habitat alteration will adversely impact the quality of life in Connecticut.

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

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

¹ Connecticut Council on Environmental Quality, <https://portal.ct.gov/ceq/publications/publications/annual-report-main>