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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460
Attention: E-Docket No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2014-0471
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Re: *Petition to add n-propyl Bromide (n-PB) to Clean Air Act Section 112 Hazardous Air Pollutants List*

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) proposed rulemaking, announcement of the "Receipt of a Complete Petition" related to the "Petition to Add n-Propyl Bromide to the List of Hazardous Air Pollutants," which was published in the *Federal Register* on February 6, 2015 (80 *Federal Register* 6676). DEEP fully supports the petitioner's request for inclusion of n-propyl bromide (n-PB) on the list of hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) regulated under section 112 of the Clean Air Act (CAA).

Section 112 of the CAA identifies a list of HAPs that EPA must regulate and authorizes any person to petition the Administrator to add a substance to the CAA HAP list if there is sufficient data demonstrating that the substance is known to cause or may be reasonably anticipated to cause adverse human health or environmental effects. The petition not only effectively summarizes the toxicological concerns associated with n-PB exposures, but also sufficiently demonstrates the adverse effects of the potential future use of and exposure to n-PB if this pollutant is not added to the HAP list for regulation under CAA section 112. Given the increasing use of n-PB as a replacement for perchloroethylene and the lack of data on emissions due to non-inclusion on the CAA section 112 list, it is important that the petitioner's motion be granted.

DEEP supports the petition and as such, n-PB should be listed as a HAP under section 112 of the CAA to protect human health and the environment. If you or members of your staff have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 860-424-4152.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anne R. Gobin".

Anne R. Gobin, Chief
Bureau of Air Management