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John Rogan, Manager Air Quality Planning Branch United States Environmental Protection Agency – Region 1 5 Post Office Square - Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912

Re: Revisions to the Connecticut State Implementation Plan: Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period

Dear Mr. Rogan:

Enclosed for your review and approval is the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (CTDEEP's) Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision for the Second Planning Period. This SIP revision identifies actions taken to meet reasonable progress goals and explains Connecticut's long-term strategy and commitment to assist 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; relevant inventory and modeling efforts; responses to the MANE-VU Ask; 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, Subpart P for the protection of visibility.

To satisfy the administrative, public participation requirements of 40 CFR 51, Appendix V, Section 2.1, this submission includes a copy of the notice of opportunity for public hearing and comment, documentation of the comments received and CTDEEP's responses thereto specifying revisions made to the proposed SIP revision. No request for hearing was made as a result of the notice and no hearing was held.

In the interest of conserving resources, and as recommended by EPA, we are submitting with this letter one paper copy of the SIP revision and an exact duplicate electronic copy through EPA's <u>Central Data Exchange</u>. If you have any questions or comments regarding the submission, or if CTDEEP may be of any assistance in your review, please contact Tracey Babbidge, Chief, Bureau of Air Management at 860-539-7341.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Commissioner