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Re: Regional Haze Progress Report for the Second Planning Period

Dear Ms. Hamjian:

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) hereby submits a Regional Haze Progress Report for the Second Planning Period. DEEP proposes this progress report to satisfy the regional haze requirements of Clean Air Act (CAA) section 169A and the regional haze rule codified in Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 51 Subpart P (40 CFR 51.300-309). As a result of this periodic review, DEEP concludes that the existing implementation plan requires no revision at this time in order to achieve established goals for visibility improvement and emissions reductions.

DEEP sent the progress report to Federal Land Managers (FLM) to initiate the 60-day review and comment period on September 24, 2024 and hosted a meeting between DEEP, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, and the U.S. Forest Service to discuss current visibility metrics and the status of visibility-improving measures on October 24, 2024. The FLM comment period closed on November 25, 2024, and no formal comments were received.

DEEP posted the progress report on its website for a 30-day public comment period on January 28, 2025. The comment period closed on February 28, 2025, and no comments were received. All documents related to the progress report can be found on our <u>Regional Haze</u> website.



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I look forward to receiving your approval of this Regional Haze Progress Report for Connecticut. If you have any questions concerning this progress report, please contact Paul Farrell of my staff at Paul.Farrell@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

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Chief

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