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Re: Exceptional Events Demonstration for the Greater Connecticut Nonattainment Area

Dear Ms. Hamjian:

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) hereby submits its Exceptional Events Demonstration for the Greater Connecticut Nonattainment Area for the 2023 Ozone Season (Demonstration) pursuant to the requirements set forth in the [Exceptional Events Rule](#) at 40 CFR 50.14.

DEEP worked closely with your staff in developing the draft Demonstration for public comment, which was posted to DEEP's website for a 30-day public comment period from April 9, 2024 to May 10, 2024. DEEP also sent copies of the public notice to counterparts in neighboring states. All public comments received during the comment period are addressed in the response to comments document. All documents related to the Demonstration can be found on our website for the [2023 exceptional events](#).

The unprecedented levels of wildfire smoke last year significantly impacted ozone levels in the Greater Connecticut nonattainment area. We appreciate the time and attention of your staff in providing guidance and assistance as part of the Demonstration development process. If you have any questions concerning this submission, please contact Pete Babich of my staff at Pete.Babich@ct.gov.

Ms. Lynn Hamjian

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Sincerely,



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