



April 14, 2025

Eric Wortman, Manager
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Re: State Implementation Plan Requirements – Ozone State Implementation Plan Revision for Areas Formerly Classified Moderate Nonattainment for the 2015 Ozone Standards.

Dear Mr. Wortman,

In accordance with 40 CFR 51 Appendix V, the enclosed revision to Connecticut's State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality is submitted for your approval. The plan includes the SIP elements for the 2015 national ambient air quality standards for ozone required for moderate nonattainment areas excluding elements that are now deferred due to the voluntary reclassification of Connecticut's nonattainment areas to serious nonattainment as specified in the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) recent rule on SIP submittal deadlines and requirements for reclassified areas¹ (O3R2 rule).

Notice of the proposed SIP revision was published on December 7, 2023. Comments were accepted through January 23, 2024, the date of the public hearing. However, no request for hearing was made as a result of the notice and no hearing was held. The documents for this SIP revision include a copy of the notice of opportunity for public hearing and comment, documentation of the comments received, and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP's) responses thereto specifying revisions made to the proposed SIP revision. In accordance with the O3R2 rule, DEEP has narrowed its final submission to address the outstanding SIP requirements. The scope of these changes is identified in DEEP's response to comments document.

We would like to thank EPA Staff for their assistance in finalizing Connecticut's ozone SIP revisions. Electronic duplicates of this SIP revision have been emailed to you and can be found on DEEP's ozone planning [webpage](#). Additionally, we have submitted an exact duplicate electronic copy through EPA's [Central Data Exchange](#). If you have any questions regarding this SIP revision, please contact Ms. Kristin Salimeno at 860-424-3055.

Sincerely,

Tracy R. Babbidge, Chief
Bureau of Air Management

¹ State Implementation Plan Submittal Deadlines and Implementation Requirements for Reclassified Nonattainment Areas Under the Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards, Final Rule 90 Fed. Reg. 5651 (Jan. 17, 2025)