

**Notice of Intent to Revise the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality:
Attainment Demonstration for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards
(NAAQS)
and
Statewide Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets**

The Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) hereby gives notice of intent to revise the State Implementation Plan (SIP) to comply with the 2008 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Ozone. This plan revision is necessary to fulfill the requirements under sections 172 and 182(c) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) for serious nonattainment areas. This revision addresses the attainment demonstrations for Connecticut's two nonattainment areas, Southwest Connecticut, which is part of the New York- Northern New Jersey- Long Island, Connecticut (NY-NJ-CT) Nonattainment Area and includes Fairfield, New Haven, and Middlesex counties, and the Greater Connecticut Nonattainment Area, comprised of Connecticut's remaining five counties. DEEP concludes that while Greater Connecticut will continue its recent trend to remain in compliance with the NAAQS, Southwest Connecticut cannot attain the NAAQS without fulfillment by upwind states and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of mandates under CAA section 110(a)(2)(D) prohibiting interference with attainment of NAAQS.

This SIP revision also includes motor vehicle emissions budgets for both Greater Connecticut and Southwest Connecticut.

This SIP revision will be submitted to EPA for review and approval.

The authority to adopt this SIP revision is granted by section 22a-174 of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS). This notice is required pursuant to 40 Code of the Federal Regulations 51.102.

Written comments. Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposal. Comments should be submitted no later than 4:00 PM on January 6, 2022 via electronic mail to Kristin Salimeno at kristin.salimeno@ct.gov.

Public hearing. In addition to accepting written comments, DEEP will also hold a public online hearing, only upon request, at 2:00 PM on January 6, 2022. A request to hold the hearing may be made by any person by electronic mail to kristin.salimeno@ct.gov. Such a request must be made by 4:00 PM on December 30, 2021. If no request for a hearing is received on or before December 30, 2021, the hearing will be cancelled. Information on the status of the hearing, and details concerning the hearing formatting and timing, if it is not cancelled, will be posted on DEEP's website at [Public Notices: Proposed State Implementation Plan Revisions](#) as of January 4, 2022. Questions concerning the cancellation of the public hearing may be directed to kristin.salimeno@ct.gov or (860) 424-3055.

Additional information. The SIP revisions described above are posted on the DEEP website at [Public Notices: Proposed State Implementation Plan Revisions](#). For further information, contact Kristin Salimeno of the Bureau of Air Management by electronic mail to kristin.salimeno@ct.gov.

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November 9, 2021

Date



Katherine S. Dykes
Commissioner