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Dear Ms. Lopez:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the draft of Connecticut DEEP's "PM<sub>2.5</sub> Maintenance Plan for New Haven and Fairfield Counties."

We have reviewed the draft Maintenance Plan and you will find the Agency's comments in the enclosure. If you have any questions on these comments, please contact Eric Rackauskas at (617) 918-1628.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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### **EPA Comments on Connecticut's 2023 Draft "PM<sub>2.5</sub> Maintenance Plan for New Haven and Fairfield Counties"**

1. On page 11 (Figures 2-1 and 2-2), the overall trendlines of the design values for all sites show a clear decrease since 2002, but there appears to have been a slight increase for 2019-2022. Connecticut DEEP could consider adding an explanation for this increase in monitor readings, and how this increase will not affect the State recording any monitor or design value violations.
2. The Plan's monitor and design value graphs are missing data for the Waterbury monitor for 2018. It would be useful for the public for Connecticut DEEP to include an explanation for why there is no data for this year for this monitor.
3. In addition to the graphs included in page 11, EPA suggests Connecticut DEEP include tables of the numbers and data used to generate the graphs.