

**Attachment B**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**Notice of Intent to Revise the**  
**State Implementation Plan for Air Quality**

The Commissioner of Environmental Protection hereby gives notice of a public hearing as part of a proceeding to revise the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality required by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. The public hearing will address proposed revisions to the SIP to adopt the 2002 baseline inventory and an attainment plan demonstrating that Connecticut's two 8-hour ozone non-attainment areas will meet their Reasonable Further Progress targets, and will attain the 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard, that Reasonably Available Control Measures analysis requirements have been fulfilled, and that onroad vehicle emission budgets have been established to ensure that transportation plans conform with the SIP. These SIP revisions were developed pursuant to Sections 172(b) and 182(b) of the federal Clean Air Act (CAA), for the 8-hour ozone plan, and Sections 172(c)(3) and 182(a)(3) of the CAA for the baseline inventory. These revisions will be submitted to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review and approval. The proposed revisions are described in detail below.

All interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed revision described below. Comments should be directed to the attention of Patti Downes of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Management, Planning and Standards Division, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut, 06106-5127. In addition to submitting comments at the public hearing described below, comments may be submitted by facsimile to (860) 424-4063 or by electronic mail to [patricia.downes@po.state.ct.us](mailto:patricia.downes@po.state.ct.us). All comments must be received by 4:30 PM on August 15, 2007.

The SIP revisions included in this proposal are as follows:

**Revision to State Implementation Plan for Incorporation of State of Connecticut 2002 Periodic Ozone and Carbon Monoxide Emissions Inventory**

The first proposed revision to the SIP consists of documentation of 2002 Nitrogen Oxide, Volatile Organic Compound and Carbon Monoxide Emissions Inventory estimates for the Connecticut 8-hour ozone non-attainment areas as is required under Sections 172(c)(3) and 182(a)(3) of the CAA. The point, area and mobile source daily ozone emissions estimates are based on 8-hour ozone design temperatures and 2002 activity data.

**Revision to the State Implementation Plan for Attainment of the 8-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard**

The second SIP revision sets out Connecticut's plan for attaining the federal 8-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ground-level ozone as is required by Sections 172(b) and 182(b) of the CAA. The plan describes the national, regional and local control measures to be implemented to reduce emissions and uses air quality modeling and other analyses of air quality and meteorological data to assess the likelihood of reaching attainment in Connecticut by the June 2010 attainment deadline.

Connecticut concludes that attainment is likely to be achieved by the end of the 2009 ozone season in the five-county Greater Connecticut portion of the state. For the three-county Southwest Connecticut portion of the greater New York City nonattainment area, evidence suggests that attainment is credible by the end of the 2009 ozone season, with the probability of attainment increasing in subsequent years, as emissions are reduced, such that attainment is highly likely to occur no later than the 2012 ozone season. Because ozone levels in Connecticut are dominated by transport from upwind areas, attainment can be assured in

2009 through additional emission reductions from upwind states that contribute significantly to nonattainment in Connecticut.

In addition to accepting written comments on these SIP revisions, the Department of Environmental Protection will also hold the public hearing described below. Any person appearing at the hearing is requested to submit a written copy of his or her statement. However, oral comments will also be made a part of the hearing record and are welcome.

**PUBLIC HEARING**  
**August 14, 2007 at 10:00 AM**  
**Department of Environmental Protection, 5th Floor, Holcombe Conference Room**  
**79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT**


Copies of the proposed revision described above are available for public inspection during normal business hours from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM at the Bureau of Air Management, Planning and Standards Division, Fifth floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut. Additional copies of the proposed revision and related documents are available for review at the Government Information Service Desk (Balcony level) at the Connecticut State Library; Torrington Public Library; New London Public Library; and Bridgeport Public Library. For further information, contact Patti Downes of the Bureau of Air Management at (860) 424-3027.

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The authority to adopt this revision is granted by sections 22a-6 and 22a-174 of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.). This notice is required pursuant to C.G.S. sections 22a-6 and 40 Code of Federal Regulations section 51.102.

7/9/07

Date

  
for Gina McCarthy  
Commissioner