

NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVISE THE
STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR AIR QUALITY

The Commissioner of Environmental Protection hereby gives notice of a public hearing concerning a revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality, specifically to incorporate the Connecticut PM_{2.5} NAAQS Attainment Demonstration (PM_{2.5} Demonstration). The PM_{2.5} Demonstration describes how Connecticut has met the nonattainment plan provisions of the Clean Air Act (CAA) for the 1997 annual national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for fine particulate matter less than a nominal 2.5 micrometers in diameter (PM_{2.5}). The PM_{2.5} Demonstration also satisfies the infrastructure provisions of CAA Section 110(a)(1) and (2) for PM_{2.5}; addresses the interstate transport requirements of CAA Section 110(a)(2)(D); and explains how Connecticut has adopted all reasonably available control measures for PM_{2.5} and its precursors. This revision will be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review and approval.

The PM_{2.5} Demonstration has two major components: (1) a description of the national, regional and local control measures that have been or will be implemented to reduce emissions in future years; and (2) air quality modeling and other analyses of air quality and meteorological data to assess the likelihood of reaching attainment by the mandated 2010 attainment deadline. The analyses described herein lead the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CTDEP) to conclude that attainment in the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut nonattainment area will be achieved by the April 2010 attainment date. The emission control strategies described within this SIP not only serve the purpose of demonstrating attainment for the 1997 annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS but also position Connecticut to achieve goals for greenhouse gases, daily PM_{2.5} levels, ozone precursors, air toxics, improved visibility and support for environmental justice initiatives.

All interested persons are invited to comment on the PM_{2.5} Demonstration described above. Comments should be directed to the attention of Michele Totten of the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Management, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut, 06106-5127. Comments may be submitted at the public hearing described below, by facsimile to (860) 424-4063 or by electronic mail to michele.totten@ct.gov. All comments must be received by 4:30 P.M. on August 22, 2008, 2008.

The Department of Environmental Protection will hold a public hearing at the date and time indicated 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.

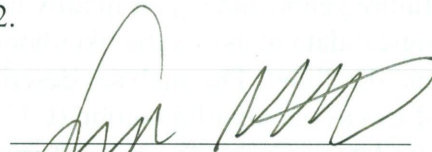
PUBLIC HEARING
August 21, 2008 at 10:00 AM
Department of Environmental Protection, 5th Floor, Ensign Conference Room
79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT

Copies of the PM_{2.5} Demonstration are available for public inspection during normal business hours from 8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M. at the Bureau of Air Management, Fifth floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut. Additional copies of the PM_{2.5} Demonstration and related documents are available for review at the Government Information Service Desk (Balcony Level) at the Connecticut State Library and the Bridgeport Public Library. A copy is also available at CTDEP's website at the following location: http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2684&q=331196&depNav_GID=1619. For further information, contact Michele Totten of the Bureau of Air Management at (860) 424-3026.

The Department of Environmental Protection supports the goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Any individual who needs auxiliary aids for effective communication during this public hearing or in submitting comments should contact the Department's Affirmative Action Officer at (860) 424-3035 (TDD (860) 424-3333) at least one week before the public hearing.

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

7/10/08
Date


Gina McCarthy
Commissioner