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Dear Ms. Gere:

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) provided EPA with a copy of proposed SIP submittal "Adequacy Determination of the Connecticut State Implementation Plan for Clean Air Act Section 110(a) Infrastructure Elements - 2012 National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Fine Particles" (I-SIP for 2012 PM_{2.5}). This proposed I-SIP is dated October 26, 2015, and comments are due by December 7, 2015.

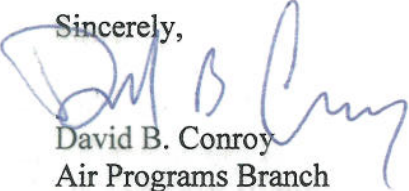
All I-SIP elements appear to meet Clean Air Act requirements, except I-SIP element 110(a)(2)C(ii) (PSD program for major sources and major modifications); element 110(a)(2)D(i)(II) (PSD - prong 3); and element 110(a)(2)J(iii) (PSD).

On September 10, 2015, EPA proposed to conditionally approve these PSD-related I-SIP elements (elements 110(a)(2)C(ii), D(i)(II), and J(iii)) for Connecticut's I-SIPs for multiple NAAQS. See 80 FR 54471. The final conditional approval for these I-SIPs was signed by our Regional Administrator on December 3, 2015 and should be appearing in the Federal Register in the near future. EPA's basis for doing the conditional approval was a letter from CT DEEP, dated August 5, 2015, in which the state committed to adopting revisions to RCSA section 221-174-1 and 22a-174-3a to conform to the intent of EPA PSD and NSR program requirements as modified in 2005.

These same deficiencies apply to the proposed I-SIP for the 2012 PM_{2.5} NAAQS. As such, CT DEEP's I-SIP for the 2012 PM_{2.5} NAAQS will not be fully approvable until the necessary revisions to RCSA section 221-174-1 and 22a-174-3a are adopted by CT DEEP and submitted to EPA for approval.

If you have any questions, please contact Alison Simcox at 617-918-1684.

Sincerely,


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