

## **Notice of Intent to Revise the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality: Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period (2018 -2028)**

The Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) hereby gives notice of intent to revise the State Implementation Plan (SIP). The SIP revision addresses section 169A of the Clean Air Act (CAA) with respect to regional haze and the regional haze rule, title 40 code of federal regulations 51.308. This is the second of six ten year plans required under the CAA and evaluates progress made in implementing measures included in the currently approved regional haze SIP.

The above-mentioned SIP revision will be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review and approval. Regional Haze is caused by air pollutant emissions which obscure important scenic vistas at Class I federal parks and wilderness areas. States are required to revisit regional haze SIPs every ten years and evaluate progress every five years. Connecticut acts in concert with federal, tribal and nearby state agencies through the Mid-Atlantic/Northeast Visibility Union (MANE-VU). Connecticut has committed to implement its long term strategy to improve visibility. This strategy includes use of low sulfur fuel and requirements to limit sulfur and nitrogen oxide emissions from large sources through use of existing control equipment.

DEEP provided federal land managers and EPA the opportunity for consultation and comment on the proposed revision on January 15, 2020 in accordance with title 40 code of federal regulations 51.308(i)(2). Their comments and DEEP's responses are included in Appendix A of this proposed SIP.

**Written comments.** Interested persons are invited to comment on the proposal. Comments should be submitted no later than 4 pm on January 29, 2021 via electronic mail to Kiernan Wholean at [kiernan.wholean@ct.gov](mailto:kiernan.wholean@ct.gov).

**Public hearing.** In addition to accepting written comments, DEEP will also hold a public online hearing, only upon request, on at 2:00pm on January 29, 2021. A request to hold the hearing may be made by any person by electronic mail to [kiernan.wholean@ct.gov](mailto:kiernan.wholean@ct.gov). Such a request must be made by 4:00 PM on January 11, 2021. If no request for a hearing is received on or before January 11, 2021, the hearing will be cancelled. Information on the status of the hearing, and details concerning the hearing format 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 15, 2021. Questions concerning the cancellation of the public hearing may be directed to [kiernan.wholean@ct.gov](mailto:kiernan.wholean@ct.gov) or 860-424-3425.

**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

Kiernan Wholean of the Bureau of Air Management by electronic mail to [kiernan.wholean@ct.gov](mailto:kiernan.wholean@ct.gov).

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December 3, 2020

Date



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Katherine S. Dykes  
Commissioner