Release Based Working Group members,

As you are likely already aware, the Legislative Regulations Review Committee approved the Release Based Cleanup Regulations earlier today. I encourage you to watch the Committee meeting, if you didn't catch it live. Consideration of the RBCRs begins around minute 33.

I don't need to tell any of you how momentous this occasion is. I arrived on the scene only a year and a half ago, but most of you have been at it for 5 years, if not much longer. Since the beginning, I have been blown away by the time, effort, passion, and expertise (not to mention unbilled hours) that this group has dedicated to the development of these regs. I'm grateful for your trust in DEEP throughout this process, and as we move into the next phase of implementing these regs. We know that to aim for perfection is to set yourself up for failure, and these regs represent thoughtful compromise. We look forward to digging in on implementation and have committed to making those details publicly available as we develop them.

We couldn't let today go by without thanking each of you for making this possible. But there are a couple of things in the works that we want to make you aware of: We are working to schedule an in-person celebration for the Working Group -hopefully with ice cream!-to more formally thank each of you for your work. There is likely also an event with Governor Lamont coming together, potentially around the passage of the companion legislation.

I know I speak for the whole DEEP and DECD team when I say that the state of Connecticut will be a better place to live, work, and build because of the work each of you put into these regs.

Happy Earth Day, indeed.

Best,
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