



To: Connecticut Municipalities with Water Pollution Control Facilities (WPCFs)

From: Tracy Babbidge, Acting Deputy Commissioner, Environmental Quality Branch, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

Nisha Patel, P.E., Chair, Nitrogen Credit Advisory Board

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Subject: Final Value of an Equivalent Nitrogen Credit and Invoice Notification -
Purchase or Sale of Equivalent Nitrogen Credits for CY2022

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (the Department), in conjunction with the Nitrogen Credit Advisory Board, has established a Nitrogen Credit Exchange Program and General Permit to comply with Sections 22a-521 through 22a-527 of the CT General Statutes, and has issued the General Permit for Nitrogen Discharges (NGP) to assist with the implementation of the Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Nitrogen in Long Island Sound.

Under the Nitrogen Credit Exchange Program, on March 10, 2023, the Nitrogen Credit Advisory Board established a **draft value for an equivalent nitrogen credit of \$4.56 for buyers, and a value of \$0.509691 for sellers for the calendar year 2022**. On March 30, 2023, the Department issued a draft ruling accepting the values for equivalent nitrogen credits and sent draft invoices to all municipalities participating in the Nitrogen Credit Exchange Program. The Department didn't receive any comments; therefore the cost of nitrogen credit is considered final.

If a Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) discharged more nitrogen than allowed by its NGP limit, the Exchange Program will require payment by check, or money order to the Office of the State Treasurer in the full amount listed on the final invoice no later than July 31, 2023, or alternatively, the WPCF will have the option to submit the payment electronically via an Automatic Clearing House (ACH) system. The information of how to make the electronic payment is included in the invoice. If the WPCF performed better than its NGP limit, the Exchange Program will issue a check for the full amount shown on the final invoice to the Water Pollution Control Authority of the pertinent municipality on or after August 15, 2023.

Enclosed with this memo is a sample of a municipality's final invoice, and a table that lists the facilities that will be buying and selling nitrogen credits under the Exchange Program for the calendar year 2022. Should you have any questions on this information, please contact Iliana Raffa of my staff at 860- 424-3758 or via email at iliana.raffa@ct.gov.