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Traci and Rob,

EPA has reviewed the proposed water quality standards (WQS) revisions that were published by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) on April 16, 2013. This email is to provide written comment regarding the proposed revisions.

In a comparing the current WQS (effective February 15, 2011) and the proposed reformulated version, we have found one revision that appears to change a water quality criteria. Standard 27 on page 7 of the current WQS states: "The allowable temperature increase resulting from discharges in the estuarine segments of the Housatonic, Connecticut and Thames Rivers shall be consistent with the criteria for the non-tidal segments." We could not find this criteria in the 2013 proposed WQS.

As required by 40 C.F.R. §131.11(a)(1) "criteria must be based on sound scientific rationale and must contain sufficient parameters or constituents to protect the designated use." Therefore, EPA would ask for such a technical basis prior to approving this revision to Connecticut's temperature criteria.

Best regards,

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