

Notice of Intent to Amend Several Sections of the Air Quality Regulations and Revise the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality

In accordance with the provisions of section 4-168(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS), the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) hereby gives notice that it proposes to amend the following sections of the air quality regulations under the authority of CGS sections 22a-6 and 22a-174: 22a-174-1, 22a-174-3a, 22a-174-24 and 22a-174-28 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA). Upon adoption, the amended and adopted regulations will be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as a revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

Description. The purpose of this proposal is to update DEEP's ambient air quality standards as required by EPA. The ambient air quality standards are set out in RCSA section 22a-174-24. Three other regulations are amended in this proposal as those three regulations refer to the ambient air quality standards of RCSA section 22a-174-24. EPA has established ambient air quality standards for each of six criteria pollutants at levels necessary to protect public health with an adequate margin of safety. EPA reviews each standard on a five-year cycle and updates the standard if warranted by the latest science. As DEEP has not revisited the Connecticut air quality standards in a number of years, many standards in RCSA section 22a-174-24 require a change in the level of the standard.

The proposal also clarifies in RCSA section 22a-174-24 that the ambient air quality standards are relevant to emissions from stationary sources regardless of whether the source is subject to an individual air quality permit or not.

Written comments. All interested persons are invited to comment on the proposal. Comments should be submitted no later than October 10, 2013 to Daniel Vesa, DEEP, Bureau of Air Management, Engineering and Enforcement, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127. Comments may be submitted by U.S. Mail or by electronic mail to Daniel.vesa@ct.gov.

Public hearing. In addition to accepting written comments, DEEP will also hold the public hearing described below. Any person giving oral comment at the hearing will be asked to submit a written copy of such comments.

**PUBLIC HEARING
October 9, 2013
11 AM
DEEP, 5th Floor, Holcombe Room
79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT**

The proposal described above, a fiscal impact analysis, a small business impact analysis and a statement required by section 22a-6(h) of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) are available for public inspection during normal business hours from Daniel Vesa at the Bureau of Air Management, Engineering and Enforcement, 5th Floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT. The same documents are posted on [DEEP's website](#). For further information, contact Daniel Vesa of the Bureau of Air Management at (860) 424-4152 or by electronic mail to daniel.vesa@ct.gov.

This notice is also required by EPA, pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations 51.102, as a procedural requirement necessary to a SIP revision.

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/s/Daniel C. Esty
Commissioner

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