



December 29, 2017

Deborah Szaro
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US EPA Region 1
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RE: Termination of the Clean Air Act Section 185 Fee Requirements for the Connecticut Portion of the NY-NJ-CT 1-hour Ozone Severe Area

Dear Ms. Szaro:

Enclosed is information supporting the termination of the Clean Air Act Section 185 penalty fee provision for the revoked 1-hour ozone standard in the New York-New Jersey-Connecticut (NY-NJ-CT) severe area. The NY-NJ-CT area is currently measuring compliance with both the 1-hour and the 1997 8-hour ozone standards. The improvements in air quality are the result of enforceable emission reductions implemented on the federal level by EPA, on the local level by Connecticut and the other states in the multi-state area, and on a regional level by some upwind states. This request for a termination determination by EPA meets the requirements specified in EPA's "Guidance on Developing Fee Programs Required by Clean Air Act Section 185 for the 1-Hour Ozone NAAQS," dated January 5, 2010.

The enclosed report provides an analysis of ozone air quality and emissions inventory data. The air quality analysis documents that the NY-NJ-CT area is measuring compliance with both the 1-hour and the 1997 8-hour ozone standards. The emissions analysis demonstrates the continued downward trend of ozone precursor emissions (i.e., reductions of nitrogen oxides and volatile organic compounds) throughout the NY-NJ-CT area, and documents the reductions achieved in Connecticut are permanent and enforceable. Additional, post-2017 emission reductions will help to ensure maintenance of the 1-hour and 1997 ozone standards into the future.

I would like to thank your staff for their assistance in the preparation of the information contained herein, and urge EPA to move forward as soon as possible with a positive finding on this request. If your staff has any technical questions, please contact Kiernan Wholean at 860-424-3425.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Anne Gobin".

Anne Gobin
Chief, Bureau of Air Management

Enclosure