

**STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 22a-6(h) OF THE GENERAL STATUTES
CONCERNING THE ADOPTION OF REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO ACTIVITIES
FOR WHICH THE
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS ADOPTED STANDARDS OR PROCEDURES**

Pursuant to section 22a-6(h) of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.), the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (Department) is authorized to adopt regulations pertaining to activities for which the federal government has adopted standards or procedures. At the time of public notice, the Commissioner must distinguish clearly all provisions of a regulatory proposal that differ from federal standards or procedures either within the regulatory language or through supplemental documentation accompanying the proposal. In addition, the Commissioner must provide an explanation for all such provisions in the regulation-making record required under C.G.S. Title 4, Chapter 54 and make such explanation publicly available at the time of the notice of public hearing required under C.G.S. section 4-168.

In accordance with the requirements of C.G.S. section 22a-6(h), the following statement is entered into the public administrative record in the matter of the proposed revisions to various sections of the air quality regulations, as scheduled for public hearing on August 14, 2013.

This proposal includes changes to the Department's air quality programs that will amend the existing section 22a-174-31 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, entitled Control of Carbon Dioxide Emissions.

With respect the revisions to R.C.S.A. section 22a-174-31 (section 31). As required by the applicable provisions of Section 22a-200c of the C.G.S., the Department is proposing to amend regulations that implement the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) in Connecticut. RGGI is a cap and trade program under which carbon dioxide emissions from the electricity generating sector in Connecticut are regulated. Affected sources are required to purchase carbon allowances on the open market and surrender an amount of allowances equivalent to the tons of carbon dioxide emitted over a three year compliance period.

Additional documentation in accordance with C.G.S. section 22a-6(h), as amended by Public Action 07-45, An Act concerning Federal Environmental Standards and Procedures, is not necessary in the matter of the proposed amendment of section 31, because there currently are no mandatory federal requirements, standards or procedures in place relative to greenhouse gas emissions reductions from existing electricity generating units rated at or above 25MWe.

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Date

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