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To: Totten, Michele
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Subject: MassDEP comments on the CT CO2 Budget Trading Program

Dear Michelle Totten:

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) thanks the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (CT DEP) for this opportunity to comment on section 22a-174-31 (Section 31) and section 22a-174-31(a) (Section 31a), which implement the CO2 Budget Trading Program in Connecticut. The CO2 Budget Trading Program is an important step in regulating emissions of greenhouse gases and combating the threat of climate change. We commend the CT DEP for its efforts.

In the spirit of collaboration, MassDEP would like to inform you that, during our rulemaking process, we and our stakeholders identified several issues with the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) Model Rule. We addressed those issues in our final regulations, and therefore suggest that CT DEP review our final regulations (<http://www.mass.gov/dep/service/regulations/co2btreg.doc>), Technical Support Document (<http://www.mass.gov/dep/service/regulations/proposed/co2tsd.doc>), and Response to Comments (<http://www.mass.gov/dep/service/regulations/proposed/co2btrtc.doc>). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Nicholas Bianco of my staff by email at Nicholas.M.Bianco@state.ma.us, or by phone at 617-292-5705.

Sincerely,

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