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David Conroy, Chief, Air Programs Branch
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Re: Commitment Regarding the CAA §110(a)(2)(A) Portion of Connecticut's Infrastructure Submittals for the 1997 and 2006 PM_{2.5} NAAQS

Dear Mr. Conroy:

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) submitted revisions to its State Implementation Plan (SIP) addressing the regulatory infrastructure requirements of §110(a)(1) and (2) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) for the 1997 annual and 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) on September 4, 2008 and September 18, 2009, respectively. Subsequent clarifications to those submissions, requested by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), were submitted on January 7, 2011 and August 19, 2011. Most recently, your staff has requested we specifically incorporate the NAAQS into our regulations.

We understand that EPA is now preparing conditional approvals of these SIP revisions and has requested DEEP provide a commitment to submit such a revision to the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. As required by EPA staff, DEEP hereby commits to provide a statement of legal authority and/or pursue adoption of any necessary regulatory revisions to meet the requirements of Section 110(a)(2)(A) by a date no later than one year from the date on which EPA finalizes conditional approval of Connecticut's PM_{2.5} infrastructure submissions.

Connecticut appreciates EPA's efforts to move forward swiftly with conditional approval of the Infrastructure SIP revisions and approval of Connecticut's redesignation request and maintenance plan SIP revision for the PM_{2.5} NAAQS, submitted on June 22, 2012. Redesignation of Connecticut's portion of the New York/New Jersey/Connecticut area to attainment will formally recognize the public health benefits from the successful implementation of federal and state control programs. Furthermore, redesignation will streamline the permitting process, thereby reducing regulatory burdens and supporting economic growth in the Connecticut portion of the area.

Thank you for your assistance expediting the approval of this SIP and redesignation.

Sincerely,

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

Anne Gobin, Chief
Bureau of Air Management