



Connecticut Department of
**ENERGY &
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION**

Notice of Intent to Request Redesignation to the Status of Attainment for the Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standard

The Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (the Department) hereby gives notice of intent to request redesignation for portions of the State from nonattainment to attainment with respect to the 1997 annual and the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). This revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) will be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for review and approval.

Section 107(d)(3) of the federal Clean Air Act (CAA) provides the requirements for said request: 1) air quality data must demonstrate that the area has attained the NAAQS; 2) the applicable implementation plan is fully approved (as required under CAA section 110(k)); 3) the air quality improvements are due to permanent and enforceable emission reductions; 4) a fully approvable maintenance plan (as required under CAA section 175A) has been submitted; and 5) the State has met all applicable requirements under CAA section 110 and part D. All of these requirements are addressed and satisfied in the proposed SIP revision.

A copy of the proposed SIP revision and all associated technical documents are available for public inspection during normal business hours from Michael Geigert at the Department's Bureau of Air Management, Planning & Standards Division, 5th Floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT. The SIP revision is also posted on the Department's website at the following location: <http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2684&Q=498562>.

All interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed request. Comments should be submitted no later than 4:30 PM on April 5, 2012 to Michael Geigert, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Management, Planning & Standards Division, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127. Comments may be submitted by post, facsimile to (860) 424-4064 or by electronic mail to michael.geigert@ct.gov.

In accordance with 40 CFR 51.102, the Department will hold a hearing at the time and location set out below if a request for a hearing is made on or before April 2, 2012.

PUBLIC HEARING
April 5, 2012 at 1:00 PM
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, 5th Floor, Ensign Room
79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT

A request for hearing may be made by any individual by telephone (860-424-3026) or electronic mail (michael.geigert@ct.gov). Such a request must be made by 4:30 PM on April 2, 2012. If no request for a hearing is received by April 2, 2012, the hearing will be cancelled. Information on the status of the hearing will be posted on the Department's website at <http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/browse.asp?a=2586> as of April 3, 2012. Questions concerning the

cancellation of the public hearing may be directed to at 860-424-3026 or michael.geigert@ct.gov.

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<http://www.ct.gov/dep/eAlerts/subscribe.asp>

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The authority to adopt this redesignation request is granted by sections 22a-5 and 22a-174 of the Connecticut General Statutes. This notice is required pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulations 51.102.

2/28/2012

Date

Macky McCleary
Deputy Commissioner