

Notice of Tentative Determination
Intent to Issue a General Permit to Limit Potential to Emit from Major Stationary Sources of Air Pollution to Less than 50% of Major Thresholds

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION

The Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) hereby gives notice that a tentative determination has been reached to issue a *General Permit to Limit Potential to Emit from Major Stationary Sources of Air Pollution to Less than 50% of Major Thresholds*. The proposed general permit contains different provisions from those of the General Permit to Limit Potential to Emit that is currently in effect. The proposed general permit is more fully described below.

COMMISSIONER'S FINDINGS/REGULATORY CONDITIONS

In accordance with applicable federal and state law, the Commissioner has made a tentative determination that issuance of this general permit would not cause pollution of air resources. The proposed general permit, if issued, will require registration and include record keeping and reporting requirements.

PROPOSED GENERAL PERMIT

The purpose of the general permit is to limit emissions from major stationary sources by including permit restrictions on potential emissions for major stationary sources, which are designed in accordance with the US Environmental Protection Agency's guidance on federally enforceable state operating permits (FESOPs) and Section 112(I) of the Act. Numerous stationary source requirements under the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (the Act) apply only to major stationary sources. A major stationary source is defined as a source of air pollution that emits quantities of air pollution exceeding threshold levels specified in the Act. Certain owners (or operators) of sources of air pollution required to obtain an operating permit pursuant to Title V of the Act may accept an enforceable limitation on potential emissions under this general permit. The emission levels allowed by the proposed general permit are below 50% of the applicable major source thresholds, therefore obviating the need to obtain a Title V operating permit. The Commissioner, by limiting the actual emissions from a premises classified as a major stationary source of air pollution, is also limiting the potential emissions from such premises.

COMMISSIONER'S AUTHORITY

The authority to adopt this general permit is granted by sections 22a-6 and 22a-174 of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) and section 22a-174-33(d) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. This notice is required pursuant to CGS sections 22a-6 and 22a-174(k).

INFORMATION REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Interested persons may obtain a copy of this public notice and the proposed general permit on the Public Notices page of the DEEP web site at <http://www.ct.gov/deep/publicnotices>. The proposed general permit is also available for inspection at the DEEP Bureau of Air Management, Engineering and Enforcement Division, 79 Elm Street, 5th Floor, Hartford, CT from 8:30 to 4:30, Monday through Friday. Requests to inspect the proposed general permit may be directed to Ms. Sharon Rowe-Johnson at Sharon.Rowe-Johnson@ct.gov or 860-424-4152.

Before making a final decision on this proposed general permit, the Commissioner shall consider written comments from interested persons that are received within 30 days from the publication of this notice. Written comments should be directed to: Ms. Susan Amarello, Bureau of Air Management, Engineering and Enforcement Division, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, 79 Elm Street, 5th Floor, Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127 or may be submitted via electronic mail to: susan.amarello@ct.gov.

PETITIONS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to CGS section 22a-174(k)(2) the Commissioner will conduct a public hearing if the Commissioner receives a written request from any person. A request for a public hearing should include the name of the general permit noted above and also identify a contact person to receive notifications. A request may also identify a person who is authorized to engage in discussions concerning the hearing on behalf of a group or withdraw the request. An original signed request may be scanned and sent electronically to deep.adjudications@ct.gov or may be *mailed or delivered* to: DEEP Office of Adjudications, 79 Elm Street, 3rd floor, Hartford, 06106-5127. All requests must be received within the comment period noted above. If submitted electronically, the original signed request must also be mailed or delivered to the address above within ten days of the electronic submittal. If a hearing is held, timely notice of such hearing will be published in a newspaper of general circulation and on the Public Notices page of the DEEP web site at <http://www.ct.gov/deep/publicnotices>.

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Date



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Deputy Commissioner

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