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## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

May 23, 2017

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RE: Connecticut Exceptional Event Demonstration for May 25-26, 2016

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Attached, please find for your approval, the Connecticut Exceptional Event Demonstration for May 25-26, 2016 (Demonstration). The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (Department) drafted the Demonstration in fulfillment of the requirements set forth in the Exceptional Events Rule at 40 CFR 50.14.

The Department worked closely with your staff in developing the draft Demonstration and also sought out public comment. The Department posted the draft Demonstration on its website for a 30-day public comment period from April 18 to May 19, 2017. The Department also reached out to its key stakeholders by directly soliciting comments from Connecticut's State Implementation Plan Revision Advisory Committee (SIPRAC). SIPRAC is comprised of approximately 400 members representing business and industry, the environmental community, the public, and academia - all of whom have interest in Connecticut's air quality issues.

The Department received no public comments except for a letter dated May 19, 2017 from David Conroy, Chief, Air Programs Branch of EPA Region 1, stating that EPA had reviewed the draft Demonstration and had no comments. Therefore, according to the provisions in 40 CFR 50.14, the Department has fulfilled the public comment requirement for this Demonstration.

The draft Demonstration has been updated to reflect that ozone data from the Greenwich monitor for the period of April 1- June 14, 2016 is officially invalid. As such, the map in figure 93 of the Demonstration is revised to reflect that the Greenwich monitor has a design value of 80 ppb rather than 82 ppb as indicated in the draft Demonstration. There are no other changes to the draft Demonstration.

I look forward to receiving your approval on this Demonstration for Connecticut. If you have any questions concerning this Demonstration, please contact Michael Geigert of my staff at 860-424-3509.

Sincerely,

Que Moh'Anne Gobin, Chief

Bureau of Air Management

CC: Robert Judge, EPA R1

David Conroy, EPA R1

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