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Re: State Implementation Plan Revision -- Ozone Attainment Demonstration for the Greater Connecticut Nonattainment Area and Statewide Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets.

Dear Mr. Conroy:

In accordance with 40 CFR 51 Appendix V, the enclosed revision to Connecticut's State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality is submitted for your approval. The plan includes the Greater Connecticut area attainment demonstration for the 2008 national ambient air quality standard for ozone and Statewide Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets (MVEBs).

Notice of the proposed SIP revision was published on October 24, 2016. Comments were accepted through November 28th, 2016, the date of public hearing. The enclosed Hearing Report details the comments received along with the Department's responses. The included documents for this SIP revision are as follows:

- Enclosure A: Technical Support Document for the 8-Hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration for the Greater Connecticut Area (including statewide MVEBs);
- Enclosure B: Public Notice as published on DEEP's website;
- Enclosure C: Certification of Public Review Process;
- Enclosure D: Hearing Report.

Connecticut is including MVEBs for the southwest portion of the State prior to completion of the attainment demonstration for that nonattainment area. We would like to expedite use of these more stringent budgets as CT DOT has recently announced a major planning strategy to build an improved transportation network. EPA's assistance in timely adoption of these SIP strengthening budgets will allow for additional air quality benefits to the downwind Greater Connecticut nonattainment area and provide urgently needed air quality improvements in the interim for southwest Connecticut.

We would like to thank Anne Arnold, Bob McConnell, Ariel Garcia, Rich Burkhart and Donald Dahl of your staff for their assistance in finalizing this SIP revision. Electronic duplicates of this SIP revision have been emailed to those staff and can be found on DEEP's [ozone planning webpage](#). If you have any questions regarding this SIP revision, please contact Mr. Ric Pirolli at 860-424-3450.

Sincerely,



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