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Dear Ms. Gobin:

As you are aware, the deferral from the title V permit program for area sources defined in six different source categories expired on December 9, 2004. The six categories are: perchloroethylene dry cleaners (Subpart M); hard and decorative chromium electroplating (Subpart N); commercial ethylene oxide sterilizers (Subpart O); halogenated solvent cleaners (Subpart T); secondary aluminum production (Subpart RRR); and secondary lead smelters (Subpart X). Title V regulations require that area sources subject to these MACT standards must submit a permit application by December 9, 2005.

Recently, the EPA Administrator signed a rule making that proposes to permanently exempt from the title V program five of the six categories. We are planning to finalize the rule before the December 9, 2005 deadline for applications. Since EPA may exempt some area sources from the title V program, we encourage Connecticut to wait for us to finalize our rulemaking action before calling for permit applications from these area sources.

We are committed to working with you to resolve any issues that may arise due to the timing of EPA's rulemaking. If you have any further questions please call me or Donald Dahl at (617) 918-1657.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Kenyon, Chief
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