



STATE OF CONNECTICUT

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



Notice of Two Revisions to the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality: Visibility Protection and Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT)

The Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) hereby gives notice of a public hearing as part of a proceeding to revise the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality to: (1) address the visibility protection requirements of section 169A of the federal Clean Air Act (CAA); and (2) update RACT requirements, given the promulgation of eleven federal control techniques guidelines (CTGs) in 2006 through 2008. Both the visibility and RACT elements of this proposal will be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review and approval as a revision to the SIP.

Visibility Protection

The visibility protection SIP revision is a plan consistent with the national goal of restoring natural visibility conditions to mandatory Class I Federal Areas by 2064. The proposed SIP revision also satisfies the Regional Haze Rule (40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 51.300-309), which seeks to protect mandatory Class I Federal Areas by addressing the combined visibility impacts of various air pollution sources over a large geographic region.

The proposed plan includes an assessment of baseline and natural visibility conditions, an air monitoring strategy, an alternative program for Best Available Retrofit Technology, a set of reasonable progress visibility goals, and a long-term strategy for achieving those goals.

RACT

On February 1, 2008, DEP submitted to EPA an attainment demonstration for the 1997 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard. That attainment demonstration includes an analysis of how Connecticut complies with the RACT requirements of the CAA. EPA's adoption of eleven CTGs in 2006 through 2008 requires that DEP update its RACT analysis. In the proposed SIP revision, DEP makes negative declarations for three CTG source categories (flat wood paneling coating, fiberglass boat manufacturing, automobile and light-duty truck assembly coating); provides a statement of equivalency for one CTG (miscellaneous industrial adhesives); and indicates the status of pending DEP regulatory revisions for the seven remaining CTGs (industrial cleaning solvents; offset lithographic printing and letterpress printing; flexible package printing; paper, film and foil coating; large appliance coating; metal furniture coating; miscellaneous metal and plastic parts coating).

All interested persons are invited to comment. Comments should be submitted to DEP, Bureau of Air Management, Engineering & Enforcement Division, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127. All comments should be directed to the attention of Merrily Gere and must be received by 4:30 PM on August 28, 2009. Comments may be submitted by post, facsimile to (860) 424-4064 or by electronic mail to merrily.gere@ct.gov.

In addition to accepting written comments, DEP will also hold the public hearing described below. Any person speaking at the hearing is requested to submit a written copy of his or her

statement. However, oral comments without a written statement will also be made a part of the hearing record.

PUBLIC HEARING
August 27, 2009 at 10 AM
Department of Environmental Protection
5th Floor, Holcombe Room
79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT

Copies of the proposal described above are available at the following location on DEP's website:
http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2684&q=331234&depNav_GID=1619

Paper copies are also available for public inspection during normal business hours and may be obtained from Sharon Rowe-Johnson at the Bureau of Air Management, Engineering & Enforcement Division, 5th Floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT or by request to Sharon Rowe-Johnson at (860) 424-3302 or Sharon.rowe-johnson@ct.gov. Additional copies are also available for review at the Law Reference Desk at the Connecticut State Library, Torrington Public Library, New London Public Library and Bridgeport Public Library.

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The authority to adopt this proposal is granted by Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) section 22a-6. This notice is required pursuant to CGS section 22a-6, 40 CFR 51.102 and 40 CFR 51, Appendix V, 2.1(f).

7/17/09
 Date


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 Acting Commissioner