

Connecticut Department of

**ENERGY &
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February 24, 2012

Stephen Perkins, Director
Office of Ecosystem Protection
United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 1
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
Boston, MA 02109-3912

Re: Regional Haze State Implementation Plan

Dear Mr. Perkins:

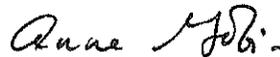
I write in response to your letter of February 15, 2012 to Commissioner Esty concerning your approval of Connecticut's Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (Regional Haze SIP). I understand that you plan to propose action on Connecticut's Regional Haze SIP by March 15, 2012.

Connecticut's Regional Haze SIP relies on ozone season emission limits implemented through the Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) ozone season nitrogen oxides (NOx) trading program. While CAIR is in place for summer 2012, I understand that Connecticut will in future years likely need a new regulation to make enforceable the continued the ozone season NOx reduction of the CAIR program. We have proposed Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) section 22a-174-22d to serve the purpose of maintaining the ozone season reductions of the CAIR program. For the purposes of hastening the approval of RCSA section 22a-174-22d, I request that you parallel process the approval of RCSA section 22a-174-22d, for which a public hearing was held on December 15, 2011.

We are moving RCSA section 22a-174-22d towards adoption and requesting that our reviewing agencies work with haste. Our goal is to have a final adopted regulation by June, 2012. However, I cannot make the commitment you request to complete the adoption by a date certain as the approval process is not under the control of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

I trust this request for parallel processing and reiteration of our intent to move forward will enable you to approve Connecticut's Regional Haze SIP. Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Anne Gobin, Chief
Bureau of Air Management

cc: Peter Babich
Wendy Jacobs