## Connecticut's Approach to Implementing the Greenhouse Gas Tailoring Rule

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## Consequences of Federal Requirements

- States are required to demonstrate sufficient infrastructure to permit GHG sources under their NSR and Title V programs by
   January 2011
- States without the necessary infrastructure to permit GHG sources will be subject to a SIP Call and FIP
- EPA will publish a finding that CT's SIP is inadequate
- Effective January 2011, unless and until we have an approved GHG permitting program, sources will be subject to dual permitting under EPA's FIP and CT's regulations
- CT DEP is expediting the regulatory revision process to incorporate GHG thresholds into our permitting programs to minimize EPA's duration as the "Permitting authority"

## Permitting Program Revisions

- Two programs
  - **New source review prevention of significant deterioration (NSR PSD)**
  - ★ Title V
- Two definitions
  - Greenhouse gas: the aggregate of the following six component gases: carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), methane (CH<sub>4</sub>), nitrous oxide (N<sub>2</sub>O), sulfur hexafluoride (SF<sub>6</sub>), any hydroflourocarbon (HFC) or any perfluorocarbon (PFC)
  - Carbon dioxide equivalent emissions
- New applicability thresholds
  - Obtain a Title V permit for emissions:
    - ♦ ≥ 100,000 tpy GHGs on a CO2e basis; and
    - ♦ ≥100 tpy GHGs on a mass basis.
  - Conduct a BACT review for GHG for:
    - ♦ New or modified major sources for non-GHG emissions, if GHG emissions (or net increase) is ≥ 75,000 tpy CO2e
    - ♦ New GHG sources with CO2e emissions of ≥100,000 tpy and either:
      - ➤ GHG emissions (mass basis) ≥ 100 tpy, or
      - > Some other regulated NSR pollutant  $\geq$  100 tpy.
- GHG Cap in GPLPE (100,000 tons CO2e) Focus on streamlining (e.g. GPLPE in lieu of Title
  V permitting)

## We're on the Fast Track....

- On January 2, 2011 EPA will become the "Permitting Authority" for GHG until CT submits and receives approval of SIP
- Expedited amendment process for RCSA Sections 22a-174-3a and 22a-174-33
  - Working drafts of NSR PSD and Title V regulatory revisions are available
  - Current revisions are limited to GHGs
  - Your immediate and focused attention is necessary
- Intend to get proposal to notice by next month...
- Send comments on proposal to Merrily by August 27,2010
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