HOW TO REQUEST A "STATE LETTER" FROM CT DEEP FOR INCLUSION IN A BROWNFIELDS GRANT APPLICATION June 2015

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) publishes <u>guidelines</u> each year for applying for Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants. EPA requires each applicant that is not a state or tribal environmental authority to provide a letter from the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) acknowledging that the applicant plans to conduct assessment and/or conduct or oversee cleanup activities. Please submit your request for a State Letter (and <u>Petroleum Eligibility Determination</u>, if required) to DEEP well in advance of the deadline for submitting Brownfields Grant Applications to EPA. Please submit a signed letter from the applicant containing the following information:

- 1. Identification of the type of grant funding being requested (Assessment Grant, Revolving Loan Fund Grant, and/or Cleanup Grant),
- 2. Identification of whether funds are being requested for either: a) hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants (including substances co-mingled with petroleum) or b) petroleum only for each type of grant listed above,
- 3. A statement from the applicant indicating their intent to conduct assessment and/or conduct or oversee cleanup activities if grant funds are awarded by EPA,
- 4. Identification of the site or sites (if known) for which grant funding is being sought, and
- 5. The name, postal address, e-mail address and telephone number of the applicant, the contact person who should be contacted if there are questions about the request for a "State Letter", and where to send the "State Letter" if not to the applicant. If the applicant is a coalition, please include contact information for a representative from each coalition member.

DEEP strongly encourages the applicant to require that any remediation be done under one of the State's remediation programs, such as the <u>Voluntary Remediation Program</u> (CGS § 22a-133x), the <u>Property Transfer Program</u> (CGS § 22a-134a through 22a-134e), the <u>Municipal Brownfields Liability Relief Program</u> (CGS § 22a-133ii), the <u>Abandoned Brownfields Cleanup Program</u> (CGS § 32-768), or the <u>Brownfields Remediation and Revitalization Program</u> (CGS § 32-769).

Petroleum Site Eligibility Determinations

<u>DEEP's Guidelines for Petroleum Site Eligibility</u> describe supporting information needed for Petroleum Site Eligibility Determination requests for sites in Connecticut.

Please submit requests for a "State Letter" and/or petroleum site eligibility determinations by email to:

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