

Notice of Intent to Adopt Permanent Regulations on Low Emissions Vehicles and Zero Emissions Vehicles pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 22a-174g and Amend the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality

The Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) hereby gives notice of the intent to amend existing, and adopt new permanent, regulations for the Low Emissions Vehicles (LEV) and Zero Emissions Vehicles (ZEV) programs pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) Section 22a-174g,. These programs, which are also referred to as the California Clean Cars program, are a critical element of the DEEP's strategy to reduce smog and other pollutants, including greenhouse gases, from passenger vehicles and light duty trucks. Furthermore, Connecticut is required to maintain consistency with the California Clean Cars program under Section 177 of the Clean Air Act (CAA). This proposal amends R.C.S.A. section 22a-174-36b and adopts new section 22a-174-36c, in a manner that is identical to recent actions by the California Air Resources Board regarding the California program and meets the statutory requirements of C.G.S. Section 22a-174g. Upon adoption, the LEV regulations will be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a revision to the State Implementation Plan for air quality.

All interested persons are invited to comment on the proposal. Comments should be submitted no later than 4:30 PM on April 19, 2013 to Paul Kritzler, DEEP, Bureau of Air Management, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127. Comments may be submitted by post, facsimile to (860) 706-5339 or by electronic mail to Paul.Kritzler@ct.gov.

In addition to accepting written comments, DEEP will also hold the public hearing described below. Any person giving oral comment at the hearing will be asked to submit a written copy of such comments.

PUBLIC HEARING

April 18, 2013

2:00 p.m.

DEEP, 5th Floor, Holcombe Room
79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106

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<http://www.ct.gov/deep/eAlerts/subscribe.asp>

Copies of the proposed regulation, the fiscal impact analysis, and a statement required by C.G.S. Section 22a-6(h) are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Bureau of Air Management, 5th Floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT. The same documents are posted on DEEP's website at:

http://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2684&q=331220&depNav_GID=1619

For further information, contact Paul Kritzler of the Bureau of Air Management at (860) 424-3889 or by electronic mail at Paul.Kritzler@ct.gov.

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The authority to adopt these regulations is granted by C.G.S. Section 22a-174g. This notice is required pursuant to C.G.S. Section 22a-6, Section 4-168 and 40 Code of Federal Regulations 51.102.

Date

Macky McCleary
Deputy Commissioner