

**Notice of Intent to Amend the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies and to Revise the
State Implementation Plan for Air Quality**

The Commissioner of Environmental Protection hereby gives notice of a public hearing as part of a rulemaking proceeding. The purpose of this proceeding is to amend section 22a-174-22 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (R.C.S.A.) concerning the control of nitrogen oxides (NOx) emissions. This amendment will be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for review and approval as a revision to the State Implementation Plan for air quality required by the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. The proposed amendment is described in detail below.

All interested persons are invited to comment on the proposed amendment. Comments should be submitted to the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Air Management, Planning and Standards Division, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127. All comments should be directed to the attention of Patricia Downes and must be received by 4:30 PM on October 27, 2006. Comments may be submitted by post, facsimile to (860) 424-4063 or by electronic mail to patricia.downes@po.state.ct.us.

R.C.S.A. section 22a-174-22 – Control of Nitrogen Oxides Emissions: The amendment to R.C.S.A. section 22a-174-22 (Section 22) recognizes the role associated NOx emissions reductions will play in assisting Connecticut to attain the federal 8-hour ozone national ambient air quality standard. Specifically, the amendment will clarify the applicability of the section; conform the emission limitations with available control technology requirements for boilers, turbines and engines including the addition of low NOx burners, flue gas recirculation and clean fuel requirements; limit trading to allowance acquisition and increase the allowance use required to offset excess emissions after January 1, 2012; add source inspection and maintenance requirements; address fuel emergencies; eliminate obsolete language; and revise the format to match current Department usage.

In addition to accepting written comments, the Department of Environmental Protection will also hold the public hearing described below. Any person appearing at the hearing is requested to submit a written copy of his or her statement. However, oral comments will also be made a part of the hearing record and are welcome.

PUBLIC HEARING
Thursday, October 19, 2006 at 10:00 AM
Department of Environmental Protection,
5th Floor, Holcombe Room
79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT

Copies of the amendment described above and a statement required by section 22a-6(h) of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) identifying how the amendment differs from applicable federal requirements, are available for public inspection during normal business hours and may be obtained from Patricia Downes at the Bureau of Air Management, Planning and Standards Division, 5th Floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT. 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. For further information, contact Patricia Downes of the Bureau of Air Management by telephone at (860) 424-3027 or electronic mail at patricia.downes@po.state.ct.us.

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The authority to adopt this amendment is granted by C.G.S. sections 22a-6 and 22a-174. This notice is required pursuant to C.G.S. sections 22a-6 and 4-168 and 40 CFR section 51.102.

8/31/06
Date

/s/ Gina McCarthy
Gina McCarthy
Commissioner