



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**



August 3, 2009

**RE: COMMENTS RECEIVED ON CONNECTICUT'S NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONDUCT
A TRIENNIAL REVIEW OF WATER QUALITY STANDARDS**

I want to personally thank those of you who took the time to share your thoughts on the direction of our Triennial Review of Water Quality Standards. The Notice of Intent was posted on April 16, 2009 and we extended the comment period through July 31, 2009. We received 11 responses from individuals and entities that are all posted on our website for the benefit of the public we seek to serve: http://www.ct.gov/dep/cwp/view.asp?a=2719&q=438600&depNav_GID=1654

While we had identified a few areas of interest for potential revision, there was a fairly narrow focus of interest areas among the comments: phosphorus, antidegradation and temperature appeared to dominate the recommendations for change. Two of these – phosphorus and antidegradation – were also on our list of areas recommended for revision.

As we progress in our review and revision process, we will continue to use this website to keep the public informed of our progress and encourage a public dialogue at appropriate points along the way. We will make every attempt to be responsive to your concerns, and to provide a fair evaluation of your recommendations as we formulate our changes to the Water Quality Standards. Ultimately, there will be a public notice of any and all draft changes to the standards to allow for public review and comment, at which time we hope to hear from you again.

Thank you again for your submissions and your interest in protecting and improving water quality in the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul E. Stacey".

Paul E. Stacey
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