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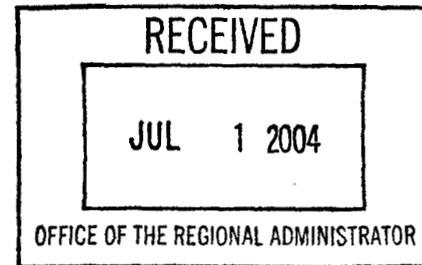
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Arthur J. Rocque, Jr.  
*Commissioner*

June 28, 2004

Robert W. Varney  
Regional Administrator  
United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Region I, EPA New England  
One Congress Street, Suite 1100  
Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2023



**Re: Connecticut State Implementation Plan Revision --  
Limited Maintenance Plans for the Hartford, the New Haven and the  
Connecticut Portion of the New York/New Jersey/Connecticut Carbon Monoxide  
Maintenance Areas**

Dear Mr. Varney:

Pursuant to 40 CFR 51, Appendix V, Section 2.1(a), I am pleased to submit, on behalf of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection, an original and five copies of the enclosed proposed revision to the Connecticut State Implementation Plan ("SIP") for air quality to address attainment planning required by the Clean Air Act (the "Act") for Connecticut's three carbon monoxide ("CO") attainment/maintenance areas: Hartford-New Britain-Middletown ("Hartford"); New Haven-Meriden-Waterbury ("New Haven"); and the Connecticut Portion of the New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island ("Southwest Connecticut") area.

Pursuant to Section 175A of the Act, EPA approved initial 10-year full maintenance plans for each of the three CO areas when EPA redesignated each area as in attainment. These initial 10-year maintenance plans cover the period through 2005 for the Hartford area, 2008 for the New Haven area and 2010 for the Southwest Connecticut area. Given the termination of the initial maintenance period for the Hartford CO area in 2005, the need to establish maintenance plans for the second 10-year period for each of the three areas and the significant decreases in ambient CO concentrations monitored throughout Connecticut, EPA recommended that Connecticut consider adoption of limited maintenance plans ("LMPs") to replace the remainder of the initial 10-year full maintenance plans and cover the second 10-year maintenance plan requirement.

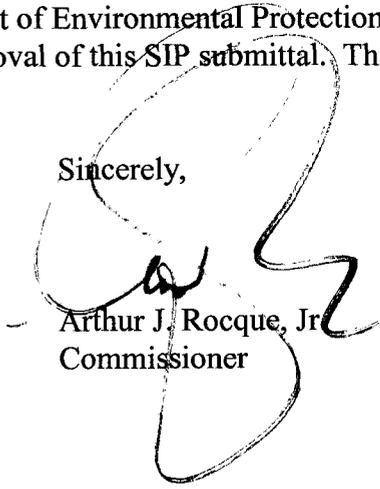
Acting upon EPA's recommendation, I request that EPA approve the enclosed LMPs for the Hartford, New Haven and Southwest Connecticut CO maintenance areas to serve two purposes:

- 1) to replace the remainder of the first 10-year maintenance period for each of the three areas and
- 2) to satisfy the requirement to submit a plan for approval for the second 10-year period for each of the three areas. This submission package includes all elements necessary to satisfy 40 CFR 51, Appendix V, Section 2.

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Please contact David Wackter of the Department of Environmental Protection at (860) 424-3027 if any further information will assist in the approval of this SIP submittal. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Arthur J. Rocque, Jr.  
Commissioner

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Enclosures

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