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Ms. Lynne A. Hamjian
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Dear Ms. Hamjian:

I am please to submit Connecticut's proposed Water Quality Standards revisions; the Department's Statement of Reasons (i.e. the public hearing report), and certification by the Attorney General's Office that proper legal procedures were followed. Thank you and other EPA staff for your valuable support and comments. Please do not hesitate to contact Lee Dunbar (860-424-3731) or Fred Banach (860-424-3712) if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Smith
Chief, Bureau of Water Management

Enclosures: Statement of Reasons (original plus 2 copies)
Proposed Water Quality Standards revisions (3 copies)
Attorney General Certification (original)

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Mr. Robert L. Smith
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Dear Mr. Smith:

This is a certification by the Attorney General for the State of Connecticut that revisions to the Surface Water Quality Standards were duly adopted pursuant to state law.

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 22a-426(b) sets forth the procedural requirements for amending water quality standards. You have submitted materials which include a copy of the Notice of Public Hearing regarding the adoption of these revisions. A review of that notice shows that time, date, place and waters, which are the subject of the public hearing, are set forth.

Conn. Gen. Stat. § 22a-426(b) requires publication of a notice of public hearing in the Connecticut Law Journal at least thirty days prior to the hearing and "at least twice during the thirty-day period preceding the date of the hearing in a newspaper having a general circulation in the area affected." Notice was published in the Law Journal on March 14, 2000 and was published in five newspapers of general statewide circulation on March 22 and April 19, 2000 for the public hearing held on April 20, 2000. Section 22a-426(b) also requires that "notice be given by certified mail to the chief executive office of each municipality" in the affected area, here each municipality. Return receipt cards show that the required certified mailings were made to the chief executive of each municipality.

At the public hearing on April 20, 2000, which was recorded, there was extensive oral testimony and written submissions made by interested persons. After reviewing the hearing examiner's report and the submissions made at the public hearing, Commissioner Arthur J. Rocque, Department of Environmental Protection, approved the revisions to the Surface Water Quality Standards of the State on November 7, 2001, and directed that they be forwarded to the Environmental Protection Agency New England for review and approval. EPA returned the Surface Water Quality Standards with comments. Those have been addressed, together with all

other comments, in the Surface Water Quality Standards, as amended in comment responses, approved on October 9, 2002 by Deputy Commissioner Jane Stahl.

In addition, upon acceptance by the Federal Government of this revision to the Surface Water Quality Standards of the State, notice shall be published in the Connecticut Law Journal as required by Conn. Gen. Stat. § 22a-426(c).

In summary, it is our opinion that the adoption of the revision to the Surface Water Quality Standards of the State was duly undertaken pursuant to state law, and we so certify.

Very truly yours,

Richard F. Webb
Assistant Attorney General

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