UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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Paul Farrell
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
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Dear Mr. Farrell:

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) is proposing a demonstration under the exceptional events rule at 40 CFR 50.14 to show that the elevated ozone concentrations recorded at the Cornwall, East Hartford, Westport, and Abington monitoring locations on May 25 and 26, 2016 were the result of high levels of ozone and ozone precursors being transported from the Fort McMurray wildfire to Connecticut. The public comment period for the demonstration ends on May 19, 2017.

EPA Region 1 has reviewed CT DEEP's demonstration that is currently available for public comment and has no further comments at this time. Please note that if the EPA determines additional information is necessary during the review of your submittal, we may request further evidence to support elements of the demonstration in accordance with 40 CFR §50.14(c)(3)(vi).

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Eric Wortman at (617) 918-1624, or Catie Taylor at (617) 918-8607.

Sincerely,

David B. Conroy, Chief
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