



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
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November 17, 2016

Anne Gobin, Chief  
State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Air Management  
79 Elm Street  
Hartford, CT 06106-5127

Dear Ms. Gobin:

Thank you for your September 28, 2016 initial notification letter of a potential exceptional event for ozone on May 25-29, 2016. As you know, since that letter, there have been a couple of conference calls to discuss this topic with your staff and staff from other States in the NESCAUM Region. In fact, on November 4th, your staff shared some initial technical support with EPA Region 1 and several other states that are also considering making a similar demonstration for the same timeframe.

Since you have decided to move forward with this exceptional event request, and informational flags in EPA's Air Quality System (AQS) for the monitors and days affected have been set; my staff has reached out to your staff to further discuss this request. We plan to discuss the technical support items that could be included in the demonstration, and will work with you as it is prepared. A final demonstration must be prepared and submitted for approval no later than May 31, 2017. This demonstration must go through a 30-day public comment period and public comments must be addressed prior to the formal submission of the exceptional event request.

We are here to help, so do not hesitate to contact Catie Taylor at 617-918-8607 or Anne McWilliams at 617-918-1697 with any questions or concerns. We look forward to working with you as you prepare this demonstration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Conroy". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dave Conroy, Chief  
Air Programs Branch  
Office of Ecosystem Protection

cc: Richard Pirolli, CT DEEP