

NOTIFICATION FORM
Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Small Business Regulatory Impact

Title of Regulations: Certification of Forest Practitioners

Statutory Authority: Section 23-65h

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Regulations are not exempt as described in Section 4-168a.

Expected Impact:

For individuals applying for their initial forest practitioner certification or renewal of existing certification, the proposed regulations will eliminate the 3% annual increase in application and exam fees. The amendment will also permit applicants to submit personal or business checks in lieu of a certified check as currently required in the regulations. The Connecticut Professional Timber Producers Association (TIMPRO) proposed the amendments and the Forest Practices Advisory Board, authorized CGS 23-65g to advise the Commissioner on matters of Forest Practitioner Certification, voted favorably on both proposed amendments.

Most, if not all of the forest products industry in Connecticut qualifies as “small businesses” as defined in CGS 4-168a. As such, the proposed amendment will favorably impact all 530 forest practitioners that are currently certified by the Department and which comprise a significant part of that industry.

Methods employed to reduce adverse effects, including, but not limited to, those listed in Section 1(b) of PA 87-359: No anticipated adverse impacts