

October 1, 2013

Senator Andres Ayala
Representative Selim G. Noujaim
Legislative Regulation Review Committee
State Capitol, Room 011
Hartford, CT 06106

**Re: *Emissions Control Requirements for
Volatile Organic Compound Storage and Transfer Facilities***

Dear Senator Ayala and Representative Noujaim:

Pursuant to section 4-170 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I submit for your consideration and approval a proposal to update the control of air emissions from storage and transfer of volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The proposal updates Connecticut's air regulations to reflect current industry practices and federal air quality requirements. Because most owners and operators of large aboveground storage tanks and other regulated VOC storage operations now employ most of the requirements of the proposal as a means to limit product loss, this proposal is unlikely to require significant actions by regulated industries or impose significant costs.

Although the proposal is not expected to create a significant air quality improvement, it is important to satisfy a federal Clean Air Act mandate to review VOC requirements periodically to ensure that our regulations conform to current air quality control standards and good industry practices.

If there are any general questions regarding this submission, please contact Robert LaFrance, DEEP's Legislative Liaison, at 860-424-3401 (office) or 860-622-1797 (cell). If you have any substantive or rule drafting questions, please contact Merrily A. Gere of the Bureau of Air Management at 860-424-3416. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/Macky McCleary
Deputy Commissioner

cc: Robert LaFrance, DEEP