

### **REVISED SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT**

Prior to adopting a new section or amendment, section 4-168a of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) requires that each state agency consider the effect of such action on small businesses as defined in CGS section 4-168a. When such regulatory action may have an adverse effect on small businesses, CGS section 4-168a directs the agency to consider regulatory requirements that will minimize the adverse impacts on small businesses if the addition of such requirements (1) will not interfere with the intended objectives of the regulatory action and (2) will allow the new section or amendment to remain consistent with public health, safety and welfare.

State Agency Submitting Proposal: Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP)

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Subject of the Proposal: Connecticut Ambient Air Quality Standards Update

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In accordance with CGS section 4-168a, staff analyzed the effect on small businesses of the proposal and determined the following:

Check all appropriate boxes:

- The proposal will not have an effect on small businesses.
- The proposal will have an effect on small businesses, but will not have an adverse effect on such small businesses.
- The proposal may have an adverse effect on small businesses, and no alternative considered would be both as effective in achieving the purpose of the action and less burdensome to potentially affected small business. Alternatives considered include the following:
- (1) The establishment of less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
  - (2) The establishment of less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
  - (3) The consolidation or simplification of compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses;
  - (4) The establishment of performance standards for small businesses to replace design or operational standards required in the new section or amendment; and
  - (5) The exemption of small businesses from all or any part of the requirements contained in the new section or amendment.
- The proposal will have an adverse effect on small businesses that cannot be minimized in a manner that is consistent with public health, safety and welfare.

**Explanation:**

This proposal amends several sections of the air quality regulations to revise Connecticut's ambient air quality standards to be consistent with the federal ambient air quality standards for fine particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, nitrous oxide, ozone, carbon monoxide and lead. DEEP is taking this action upon the recommendation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as EPA cannot approve Connecticut's State Implementation Plan absent the current ambient air quality standards.

This revision is not anticipated to impact small businesses. The standards proposed for adoption apply to the ambient air, not to the emissions from an individual source.