

**Appropriations Committee
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Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Budget Public Hearing

Senator Bye, Representative Walker and members of the Appropriations Committee:

My name is Steve Potter and I am an Air Pollution Control Engineer II with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and I am testifying today as a proud member of CSEA SEIU Local 2001.

New National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and recent court rulings are expected to increase DEEP workload. The NAAQS will result in a downgrade in Connecticut's attainment status, which results in greater regulatory commitments. Connecticut's attainment status is significantly impacted by transport of pollutants from other upwind states. This emissions transport does not reduce compliance burden or responsibilities. Recent court rulings will result in Connecticut needing to produce a State Implementation Plan (SIP) based on a tighter schedule than originally envisioned by the EPA and states. Work was originally performed for 2018 emission estimates rather than 2017 emission estimates. The SIP describes the schedule and plan of how Connecticut will attain compliance with the new standards. The SIP will require the use of EPA's new mobile emissions model (MOVES2014), which will require the creation of a new mobile emissions budget for Department of Transportation (DOT) conformity demonstrations using the new mobile model. This will require retooling and input development for the new mobile emissions model. Compliance demonstration is needed to ensure Connecticut's Transportation Budget.

These requirements and tasks are above and beyond the requirements of the Air Emissions Reporting Rule (AERR), where a complete emissions inventory is required for calendar year 2014 prior to the end of 2015.

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