

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF AIR RESOURCES

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

IN RE: Notice of Intent to Revise the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality:
Infrastructure Certification for the 2012 National Ambient Air Quality Standard
for Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5})

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Office of Air Resources hereby gives notice of its intent to amend the State Implementation Plan for Air Quality to address the requirements of Sections 110(a)(1) and (2) of the Clean Air Act (CAA) with respect to the 2012 Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). On December 14, 2012, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency revised the primary NAAQS for PM_{2.5}. Sections 110(a)(1) and (2) of the Clean Air Act require states to submit revisions to their State Implementation Plans within three years after the promulgation of a new or revised NAAQS to demonstrate that the state meets the procedural, timing and infrastructure requirements necessary for implementing the NAAQS. The certification describes basic program "infrastructure" elements that address the provisions of Section 110(a)(1) and (2). The certification, once finalized, will be submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to be included in the State Implementation Plan as required by the Clean Air Act. Persons wishing to submit comments or request a public hearing regarding the certification are invited to do so.

The proposed SIP revision is available on the Office of Air Resources' web page at:
<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/air/sip.php>

Copies are also available at DEM's Office of Air Resources 235 Promenade St., Providence, RI. Any additional requests can be made by contacting the Office of Air Resources at 222-2808, weekdays, 8:30 AM- 4:00 PM.

DEM encourages the submission of written comments. Written comments, to be considered part of the administrative record must be submitted during the public comment period. Written comments may be mailed or e-mailed to the Office of Air Resources and received no later than 4:00 PM, Friday, November 3, 2017, at which time the public comment period will close. The mailing address for comments is:

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Signed this 3rd day of October, 2017



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