



Connecticut
Department of Energy &
Environmental Protection

VIA eREGULATIONS SYSTEM

September 25, 2023

The Honorable William Tong
Attorney General
165 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Re: Legal Sufficiency Review of Proposal to Amend Air Quality Regulations, PR2023-023

Dear Attorney General Tong:

Pursuant to Section 4-169 of the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS), I submit for your consideration and approval a proposal to adopt air quality regulation section 22a-174-36d of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA).

The main purpose of the proposal is to adopt the California light-duty new vehicle emissions standards known as the Low Emission Vehicle IV (LEV IV) and the Advanced Clean Cars II (ACC II) standards for model year 2027-2035 vehicles. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is adopting these rules pursuant to the authority and in compliance with 22a-174g of the CGS, which requires DEEP to maintain consistency with California standards. Section 177 of the federal Clean Air Act (CAA) allows states to adopt California vehicle emission standards, provided such standards are “identical”, and provide a two-model year (four calendar year) lead-time.

The LEV IV portion of the proposed regulation adopts emission standards for 2027-2035 model year new light-duty internal combustion engines (ICE) that are provided for sale in Connecticut. The ACC II portion of the proposed regulation will require manufacturers to ensure that a certain portion of all 2027-2035 light-duty vehicle sales are advanced technology zero emission vehicles.

As evidenced by the documents associated with the tracking number PR2023-023, this proposal has been processed in accordance with the notice and hearing provisions of CGS Section 4-168.

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please get in touch with Paul Farrell, Acting Bureau Chief of the Bureau of Air Management by electronic mail to Paul.Farrell@ct.gov. Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Katherine S. Dykes".

Katherine S. Dykes
Commissioner