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Dear Ms. Slattery:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on your proposed revision to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's (RIDEM) Air Pollution Control Regulation (APCR) No. 39, which limits emissions from hospital, medical and infectious waste incinerators.

EPA Region 1 has reviewed Rhode Island's proposed regulatory amendments to APCR No. 39 and have no comments to offer at this time. Currently APCR No. 39 is not incorporated into the Rhode Island state implementation plan (SIP). It is our understanding based on ongoing communication between RIDEM and EPA Region 1 that the State does not plan to submit APCR No. 39 for incorporation into the Rhode Island SIP. The notice of public rulemaking, however, indicates that RIDEM does plan to submit this regulation for incorporation into the SIP. As such, EPA seeks clarification about whether RIDEM plans to submit APCR No. 39 for incorporation into the SIP.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 617-918-1267 or Patrick Bird of my staff at 617-918-1287 with any questions or concerns about this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leiran Biton".

Leiran Biton, Acting Manager
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