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RE: Proposed amendment to Operation of Air Pollution Control Systems (250-RICR120-05-16)

Dear Ms. Slattery,

On November 1, 2023, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RI DEM) posted revisions to Air Pollution Control Regulation No. 16, Operation of Air Pollution Control Systems. RI DEM received no requests to hold a hearing and the public comment period is scheduled to end on December 4, 2023.

We acknowledge the effort made by RI DEM to revise this regulation and appreciate the state's collaboration with EPA during development of the revised regulation. EPA has reviewed the proposed regulation and is providing the following comment for incorporation into the public hearing record.

EPA understands that the provisions in Rhode Island's Regulation 14 apply to sources subject to Regulation 16. As part of the state's forthcoming SIP submittal, RI DEM should confirm that Regulation 14 requires sources to keep records necessary to determine compliance with the requirements of Regulation 16. RI DEM also should confirm that Regulation 14 requires sources subject to Regulation 16 to make a summary of such records available to the state in the annual report required in 14.2.1.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Alison Simcox at (617) 918-1684.

Sincerely,
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