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RE: Air Permit Amnesty Program

Superintendent:

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) is offering a unique opportunity for all of Connecticut's public and private K-12 schools to achieve compliance with state and federal air permitting requirements for their equipment and/or premises. Additionally, DEEP is providing the opportunity to achieve cost savings through the implementation of energy efficiency measures. The Air Permit Amnesty Program is a short-term program that is being offered to provide a more efficient, effective, and less expensive process for achieving compliance with all applicable permitting requirements, while providing the opportunity to incorporate energy efficiency.

Over the next year, DEEP will provide a period of amnesty from enforcement and air emission fees for any public and private K-12 school, provided that such school agrees to participate cooperatively in the program. Participation includes: DEEP assistance in completing an equipment survey (enclosed), permit applicability determinations, permit application assistance and workshops, and education on applicable federal boiler and engine regulations, and participation in Connecticut's Green LEAF Schools program.

A study conducted by Eastern Connecticut State University's Institute for Sustainable Energy revealed that Connecticut schools are among the least efficient in the United States. The Air Permit Amnesty Program provides each K-12 school an opportunity to become involved with the Connecticut Green LEAF Schools program. This program assists schools to identify and implement energy efficiency practices to reduce energy costs significantly. Beyond providing a healthier, more energy efficient building, the Connecticut Green LEAF Schools Program works with students to provide environmental and sustainability education.

Please complete the enclosed survey and return it within 60 days of receipt of this letter to ascertain your participation in this program. Although participation is voluntary, we suggest all schools take advantage of this opportunity, regardless of its permitting status, because it can ensure compliance at little or no cost. Any non-compliance issues discovered after the conclusion of the Air Permit Amnesty Program will be subject to normal enforcement procedures and penalties.

I encourage you to take advantage of this unique opportunity. If you have any questions about the Air Permit Amnesty Program or need help completing the survey, feel free to contact Jared Millay of my staff at (860) 424-3702 or jared.millay@ct.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Girard".

Robert W. Girard, Assistant Director
Bureau of Air Management
Engineering and Enforcement Division