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Response to Comments on Proposed

Certification of Adequacy of the Massachusetts State Implementation Plan Regarding Clean Air Act Sections 110(a)(1) and (2) for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards

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On July 25, 2018, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) published a draft Certification of Adequacy of the Massachusetts State Implementation Plan Regarding Clean Air Act Sections 110(a)(1) and (2) for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards and a notice of public hearing.

MassDEP held a public hearing on the draft Certification on August 30, 2018 and accepted comments through September 10, 2018. No one testified or provided comments at the public hearing. MassDEP received written comments from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). EPA's comments are below with MassDEP's response.

Comment: All I-SIP elements appear to meet Clean Air Act requirements except I-SIP elements C(2), (D)2 and (J)3 related to Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD). EPA will not be able to approve portions of these PSD elements because Massachusetts does not have an approved PSD program. Instead, Massachusetts is subject to a Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) and implements PSD requirements through a delegation agreement. However, lack of approval of these sub-elements will not incur any sanctions or new FIP obligations.

Response: MassDEP continues to implement the federal PSD program through the delegation agreement.