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Response to Comments on Proposed

Massachusetts

Reasonably Available Control Technology

State Implementation Plan Revision

For the

2008 and 2015 Ozone

National Ambient Air Quality Standards

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On August 31, 2018, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) published a draft Massachusetts Reasonably Available Control Technology State Implementation Plan Revision For the 2008 and 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards and a notice of public hearing.

MassDEP held a public hearing on the draft Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision on October 2, 2018 and accepted comments through 5 p.m. on October 2, 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.

1. Comment: Although Massachusetts' proposed RACT certification is envisioned to cover both the 2008 and 2015 ozone NAAQS, we note that EPA has yet to publish a final implementation rule for the latter, and therefore, upon its issuance, the State should review the final implementation rule for the 2015 ozone NAAQS to see if the RACT certification needs to be supplemented to account for requirements within that rule.

Response: MassDEP will review EPA's final 2015 ozone NAAQS implementation rule to determine if the RACT certification should be supplemented based on the final rule's requirements.

2. Comment: The following sentence from page 5 of the draft certification should be modified by adding the underlined text shown below:

With the exception of the marginal area planning requirements for the 2008 ozone standard for Dukes county, Massachusetts does not have any other non-attainment SIP obligations under the 2008 and 2015 ozone NAAQS.

Response: MassDEP has made this revision in the final SIP certification.

3. Comment: On page 8 under the heading "Non-CTG Facility-specific RACT Determinations," it is noted that one of the facilities in the state previously issued a RACT order, Duro Textiles Printers, has permanently closed. Accordingly, Massachusetts may want to consider withdrawing that order from the SIP in a future SIP revision request.

Response: MassDEP will consider withdrawing the RACT order for Duro Textiles Printers in a future SIP revision request.