



March 26, 2024

Honorable Michael Regan
Administrator
U.S Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20460

Subject: Letter of Intent to Sign Coalition MOA for the
New England Heat Pump Accelerator

Dear Administrator Regan,

The State of Connecticut, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP) enthusiastically submits this letter of intent to serve as the lead entity for the “New England Heat Pump Accelerator” coalition application in response to EPA’s Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) No. EPA-R-OAR-CPRGI-23-07. As required by the NOFO, and as the lead entity of the coalition, we intend to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with other coalition members in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island that sets forth the specific roles and responsibilities of each partner agency as well as the other information called for by the NOFO. CTDEEP expects to submit this MOA no later than July 1, 2024.

Connecticut DEEP will ensure that CPRG funds used to expand energy efficiency programs, which is one of the measures in CT's individual CPRG application, are not used to deploy heat pumps in households that have benefited from the measures in the coalition proposal by the New England Heat Pump Accelerator, which seeks to increase uptake of heat pumps in the Northeast. In addition to continued intra- and inter-agency coordination to prevent duplication at the household level, these two proposals will implement different but complementary strategies to achieve necessary large-scale GHG reductions while ensuring that benefits flow to LIDACs. The coalition is proposing strategies, such as midstream incentives, that are best implemented across large scales to achieve transformative GHG reductions that are only possible through multistate collaboration. Expanding Connecticut's existing energy efficiency programs would ensure that heat pumps are paired cost-effectively with other energy efficiency measures.

We are pleased to lead this coalition effort and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Katie S. Dykes, Commissioner
Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection