

NJ DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION
DIVISION OF AIR QUALITY
BUREAU OF AIR QUALITY PLANNING

Notice of SIP Revision Proposal and Public Hearing

Proposed Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision for the New Jersey Long-Term Plan to Protect and Enhance Visibility Levels in New Jersey's Federally Designated Class I Area, the Brigantine Wilderness Area of the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge.

Take notice that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is proposing a revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) to protect and enhance visibility levels in the Brigantine Wilderness Area of the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, a federally designated Class I area. A copy of the proposed SIP revision was forwarded to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) on September 15, 2008.

The purpose of this proposed SIP revision is to establish the first Reasonable Progress Goal within the Class I area to help achieve the Congressionally mandated goal of reaching natural background visibility levels by the year 2064. The proposal demonstrates that New Jersey will meet the 2018 Uniform Rate of Progress set for Brigantine Wilderness Area by the deadline established in the USEPA regulations. The proposal also addresses other mandatory SIP elements for regional haze by:

- Establishing the baseline and natural visibility conditions at the Brigantine Wilderness Area;
- Identifying states that contribute to visibility impairment at the Brigantine Wilderness Area;
- Establishing the 2018 Reasonable Progress Goal for the Brigantine Wilderness Area;
- Addressing New Jersey's contribution to visibility impairment at Mid-Atlantic Northeast Visibility Union (MANE-VU) designated Class I areas;
- Addressing sources that require Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART); and
- Requesting that while reviewing other states' SIP revisions, the USEPA take into consideration those states' impact on New Jersey's obligations to meet the 2018 Reasonable Progress Goal, and compel the emission reduction necessary to achieve this goal.

Copies of the Department's proposed SIP revision are available from the Department's web site at <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/baqp/sip/siprevs.htm>, the Department's Public Information Center at 401 E. State Street in Trenton, the Department's Regional Enforcement Offices, and a

number of public libraries throughout the State. For more information on obtaining copies, please contact:

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A public hearing concerning the proposed SIP revision is scheduled as follows:

Monday, October 27, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.
The NJ Department of Environmental Protection Building, Public Hearing Room (1st Floor)
401 East State Street
Trenton, New Jersey

Written comments may be submitted by close of business, Friday, October 31, 2008, to:

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Written comments may also be submitted at the public hearing. It is requested (but not required) that anyone providing oral testimony at the public hearing provide a copy of any prepared text to the stenographer at the hearing.

The Department requests that commenters submit comments on disk or CD, as well as on paper. Submittals on disk or CD must not be access-restricted (locked or read-only) in order to facilitate use by the Department of the electronically submitted comments. Submittal of a diskette or CD is not a requirement. The Department prefers Microsoft Word 6.0 or above. Macintosh formats should not be used.