



DEP Proposes Plan to Protect and Enhance Visibility

Who is affected by this initiative?

- The identified Electrical Generating Units (EGUs).
- Heating oil users and providers.
- Three refineries which are subject to Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) requirements.

What is occurring?

New Jersey proposes a plan 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 as required by federal law. The proposed plan establishes the first Reasonable Progress Goal in 2018 to help achieve the Congressionally mandated goal of reaching natural background levels by the year 2064. New Jersey's plan includes control measure commitments that must be implemented to achieve the 2018 interim goal. The control measure commitments included in the Reasonable Progress Goal include:

1. Timely implementation of Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART)
2. 90 percent or greater reduction in SO₂ from 100 top emitting coal-fired power plants in the eastern United States.
3. Low Sulfur Fuel Oil.
4. Continued evaluation of other measures.

The Department includes the benefits from the federal Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR) in this plan. Clean Air Interstate Rule was vacated by the United States Courts of Appeal for the District of Columbia on July 11, 2008. The Department expects the United States Environmental Protection Agency to implement other national measures and will re-evaluate this issue during its 2013 evaluation.

The Department worked with the other states and tribes in the northeast and mid-atlantic region to develop the plan. This group is commonly referred to as the Mid-Atlantic/Northeast visibility Union (MANEVU).

In the plan, the Department includes a number of control measures under development to assist in meeting the ozone or PM_{2.5} health standards and/or the air toxics

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objectives of the Diesel Risk Reduction Program that will help improve visibility in New Jersey and in the downwind areas. The control measures include:

- Diesel Idling Rule Changes – Rule adopted May 25, 2007
- Diesel Smoke Rule Changes – Rule proposed June 16, 2008
- Industrial/Commercial/Institutional (ICI) Boilers – Rule proposed August 4, 2008
- #6 Fuel Oil-Fired Boilers – PM_{2.5} SIP Commitment (SIP proposed on June 16, 2008)
- Stationary Diesel Engines – PM_{2.5} SIP Commitment (SIP proposed on June 16, 2008)

To meet the federal regional haze requirements, the Department includes a commitment to evaluate and develop future programs, if appropriate, to reduce emissions from:

- Construction Activities
- Smoke from Agricultural and Forestry Activities

How can I participate?

A public hearing concerning the proposed plan 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 November 28, 2008, to:

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
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Whom should I contact with questions?

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Where can I get more information?

Visit the following websites for more information:

Public Notice of Extension of Comment Period:

<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/baqp/2008%20Regional%20Haze/Extension%20of%20Comment%20Period%20notice.pdf>

Notice of Regional Haze Plan Proposal

<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/baqp/2008%20Regional%20Haze/Public%20Hearing%20Notice%20for%20webpage.pdf>

Regional Haze Plan Webpage

<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/baqp/2008%20Regional%20Haze/Regional%20Haze.html>

Directions to NJDEP <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/where.htm>

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