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Honorable Peter D. Lopez
Regional Administrator
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region II
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RE: New Jersey Final State Implementation Plan Revision for Regional Haze

Dear Regional Administrator Lopez,

Enclosed for your review and approval is a final revision to New Jersey's State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Regional Haze. This SIP revision will protect and improve visibility levels in New Jersey's Class I area, the Brigantine Wilderness Area of the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge. The primary purpose of this SIP revision is to establish the reasonable progress goal for the second planning period (2018 – 2028) for the Brigantine Wilderness Area to help achieve the goal of reaching natural background visibility levels by 2064. This plan also addresses other mandatory SIP elements for regional haze and related issues.

The primary components of this SIP revision include:

- 1) Establish the baseline and natural visibility conditions at Brigantine Wilderness Area using the new method of calculating the most impaired days;
- 2) Identify States that contribute to visibility impairment at Brigantine Wilderness Area;
- 3) Establish the 2028 Reasonable Progress Goal for Brigantine Wilderness Area. New Jersey's goal meets the Uniform Rate of Progress requirement;
- 4) Address New Jersey's actions to reduce its contribution to visibility impairment at impacted Class I areas; and

- 5) Demonstrate that New Jersey will meet the 2028 Uniform Rate of Progress goal. This demonstration relies upon implementation of control measures by New Jersey, other states contributing to visibility impairment at the Brigantine Wilderness Area, EPA, and Federal Land Managers. These control measures were identified by New Jersey and the Mid-Atlantic/Northeast Visibility Union (MANE-VU) and determined to be reasonable.

On August 22, 2019, a copy of the proposed SIP was forwarded to your office for review and comments. The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection held a public hearing on September 25, 2019 and accepted written comments relevant to the proposal until the close of business on October 22, 2019. A summary of the comments received on this SIP revision, as well as the State's responses to those comments, are included as Appendix K in the enclosed SIP submittal document.

If you or your staff have any questions regarding this proposal, please contact Francis C. Steitz, Director, Division of Air Quality, at (609) 633-8220.

Sincerely,

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Commissioner

Enclosures:
SIP Document

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