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Via Email

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RE: New Jersey Proposed State Implementation Plan Revision for Regional Haze

Dear Mr. Wieber,

Enclosed for your review is a proposed revision to New Jersey's State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Regional Haze. The Department is proposing this SIP revision to 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 proposed 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. This 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.

While reviewing upwind states' SIP revisions, it is USEPA's responsibility to take into consideration the upwind states' impact on New Jersey's obligations to meet the 2028 Reasonable Progress Goal and compel the emission reduction necessary to achieve this goal.

The public notice for New Jersey's proposed SIP revision is also attached. I appreciate the assistance your staff will provide in reviewing this proposed SIP revision.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Sharon Davis of my staff at (609) 292-0834.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:
SIP Revision Proposal
Public Notice

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