

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on a proposed revision to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) regarding Regional Haze and Clean Air Act §110(a)(2)(D)(i)(II) for Visibility Protection. The SIP is the plan developed by West Virginia in order to fulfill its responsibilities under the Clean Air Act to attain and maintain the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) promulgated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). The public comment period begins July 31, 2015 and ends August 31, 2015.

This revision to the West Virginia SIP amends the state's Regional Haze SIP to rely on EPA's Cross State Air Pollution Rule (CSAPR) federal implementation plan (FIP) rather than the West Virginia Clean Air Interstate Rule SIP for the control of visibility-impairing emissions from electric generating units. This revision to the SIP also amends West Virginia's 2010 SO₂ NAAQS infrastructure SIP to address federal Clean Air Act §110(a)(2)(D)(i)(II) by relying on implementation of the CSAPR FIP to complete the Regional Haze SIP which helps to ensure that West Virginia electrical generating unit emissions will not interfere with neighboring states' reasonable progress toward visibility improvement in Class I areas. Pursuant to Clean Air Act Section 169A(d), the DEP is making the Federal Land Manager comments, and DEP's responses available for public review as part of the supporting documentation.

Upon completion of the public notice period, and after addressing any written comment, the DEP will submit the final documentation to the U.S. EPA as a revision to the SIP. This proposed SIP revision is considered to be non-controversial in nature. Therefore, a public hearing will be held only if requested in writing, and the written request is received by August 31, 2015. Any person who requests a public hearing should identify any substantive issue they intend to raise in a hearing. If properly requested, the hearing will be held beginning at 6:00 p.m. on September 8, 2015 at the address below and the public comment period will be extended until the close of the hearing. A public notice announcing whether a hearing will be held will be posted in the *West Virginia Register* published on September 4, 2015. The *Register* may be accessed via the following web address: <http://www.sos.wv.gov/administrative-law/register/Pages/default.aspx>.

Copies of the proposed Regional Haze and Clean Air Act §110(a)(2)(D)(i)(II) SIP revision may be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the DEP Division of Air Quality, 601 57th SE, Charleston, WV 25304, beginning July 31, 2015, or electronically upon e-mail request to: Tammy.L.Mowrer@wv.gov. The proposal may also be accessed via the following web address: <http://www.dep.wv.gov/daq/General/Pages/PublicNoticeandComment.aspx>.

Send written comments to be included in the formal record to William F. Durham, Director, Division of Air Quality at the above address. Please identify the document to which the comments apply, the commenter's name, address, and telephone number. Comments will also be accepted by e-mail if received by 5:00 p.m. on August 31, 2015 to: Tammy.L.Mowrer@wv.gov. Comments submitted by U.S. Mail must be postmarked by August 31, 2015.