

Findings:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated regulations for protection of visibility in mandatory federal Class I areas on December 2, 1980. The purpose of those regulations was to assure reasonable progress toward the prevention of any future, and remedying any existing visibility impairment in mandatory federal Class I areas, which impairment results from man-made pollution. The State of Arkansas has two federal Class I areas.




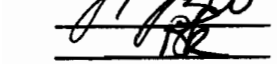
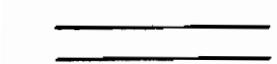
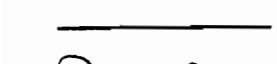

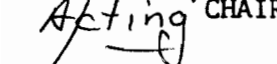
Numerous parties sought judicial review of the 1980 visibility regulations in the courts. As a result of litigations and petitions, few states including Arkansas, initiated work on visibility State Implementation Plan (SIP) revisions.

The EPA, in the October 23, 1984, Federal Register notice, required those states that had not submitted visibility SIP's to do so by May 6, 1985, or face SIP disapproval and EPA promulgation of visibility regulations for those states. The Department has developed a draft plan and proposes to hold a hearing on April 25, 1985, to receive public comment.

Authorization:

The Department is hereby authorized to hold a public hearing to receive comments on proposed visibility SIP revisions.

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