

MINUTE ORDER NO. 87-24

for Visibility Protection
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FINDINGS:

In 1985, to satisfy the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act and to avoid promulgation of visibility regulations by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department developed a plan entitled "ARKANSAS PLAN OF IMPLEMENTATION FOR AIR POLLUTION CONTROL - REVISION: PROTECTION OF VISIBILITY IN MANDATORY CLASS I FEDERAL AREAS." This plan is intended to prevent future impairment of visibility in mandatory Class I Federal areas, which in Arkansas include the Upper Buffalo Wilderness in Newton County and the Caney Creek Wilderness in Polk County. The USDA Forest Service is the Federal Land Manager for both areas. The plan included a monitoring plan (narrative) and new source review regulations (revisions to Section 8.1 of the Regulations of the Arkansas Plan of Implementation for Air Pollution Control [PSD Supplement]). After notice and public hearing, the Commission promulgated this SIP revision on May 24, 1985 (Minute Order No. 85-12).

Now, to satisfy the EPA Part II visibility SIP requirements and to avoid promulgation of federal regulations, the Department has developed a plan revision entitled "ARKANSAS PLAN OF IMPLEMENTATION FOR AIR POLLUTION CONTROL - REVISION: PROTECTION OF VISIBILITY IN MANDATORY CLASS I FEDERAL AREAS: PART II - LONG-TERM STRATEGY." The long-term strategy includes a determination that there is no existing visibility impairment that is reasonably attributable to specific sources; consideration of the impacts of prescribed burning and construction activities; a discussion of current visibility monitoring efforts; and provisions for periodic review of the plan, which review must include participation by the Federal Land Manager and a report to the public and to EPA. This revision consists of a narrative only, no regulatory revisions.

A public notice was mailed and published on July 19, 1987, and a hearing held on August 20, 1987. No adverse comments were received at the hearing.

ORDER:

The revised plan for protection of visibility in mandatory Class I Federal areas is hereby approved.

COMMISSIONERS

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CHAIRMAN

SUBMITTED BY: Wilson Tolefree DATE PASSED: 9-25-87

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF POLLUTION
CONTROL & ECOLOGY

LOCATION - SUBJECT Revision

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EFFECTIVE DATE:

This regulation and any amendment thereof shall be in full force and effect twenty days after filing with the Secretary of State.

Promulgated this 25th day of September 1987.

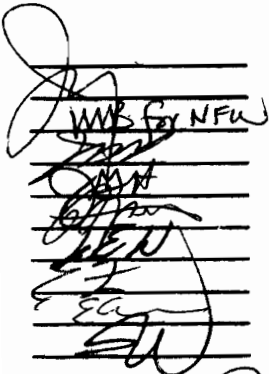
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION ON
POLLUTION CONTROL AND ECOLOGY

BY:


Bryce Mobley, Chairman

COMMISSIONERS

ATTEST: Paul Means
Paul Means, Director


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APPROVED: Bill Clinton
Bill Clinton, Governor
State of Arkansas


CHAIRMAN

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