

STATE OF ARKANSAS

Asa Hutchinson Governor

August 5, 2022

Dr. Earthea Nance, Regional Administrator United States EPA Region VI 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200 Dallas, Texas 75202

Submitted via SPeCS for SIPs

Re: Arkansas Regional Haze Plan, Planning Period II

Dear Dr. Nance,

The State of Arkansas hereby respectfully submits to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) the Arkansas Regional Haze plan for Planning Period II.

On February 27, 2022, the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) published notice of the proposed Regional Haze Planning Period II SIP, and DEQ hosted a public hearing to accept comments on the proposed state plan on March 29, 2022. Public comments were accepted through April 28, 2022.

The Regional Haze Plan package accompanying this letter is summarized as follows:

- Regional Haze Plan Narrative and Technical Support Documentation
- Legal Authority to Adopt and Implement the Plan
- Procedural Requirements (including evidence of public notice and DEQ responses to public comments received)

This state plan package is being submitted electronically through the State Planning Electronic Collaboration System (SPeCS) for SIPs web-based system in accordance with 40 CFR § 51.103(a). Should questions arise, please contact David Witherow, P.E., the Associate Director for the Office of Air Quality, at (501) 682-0067, or by email at witherowd@adeq.state.ar.us.

Sincerely,

Asa Hutchinson

Enclosures

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT DIVISION ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

In the Matter of:

LIS No. <u>22 - 085</u>

FutureFuel Chemical Company 2800 Gap Road Batesville, AR 72501 AFIN No. 32-00036

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

This Administrative Order (AO) is issued pursuant to the authority delegated under the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq. and the federal regulations issued thereunder. In addition, this AO is issued pursuant to the authority of the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act, Act 472 of 1949, as amended, codified at Ark Code Ann. § 8-4-101 et seq. including Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-311.

The issues herein having been settled by agreement of FutureFuel Chemical Company (FutureFuel) and the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), it is hereby stipulated that the following STATEMENT OF BASIS and ORDER AND AGREEMENT be entered. DEQ and FutureFuel hereby agree to the entry of this AO in order to satisfy second-planning-period requirements associated with the Regional Haze Rule, 40 C.F.R. Part 51 Subpart P.

STATEMENT OF BASIS

- 1. FutureFuel owns and operates a chemical manufacturing facility that is located in Batesville, Independence County, Arkansas.
- 2. On July 1, 1999, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published regulations to address visibility impairment in the nation's Class I areas. 64 Fed. Reg. 35714. These regulations were amended on July 6, 2005 (70 Fed. Reg. 39156), October 13, 2005 (71 Fed. Reg. 60631), June 7, 2012 (77 Fed Reg. 33656), and January 10, 2017 (82 Fed. Reg. 3124). Collectively, these regulations are commonly known as the "Regional Haze Rule," codified at 40 C.F.R. §§ 51.300–51.309.
- 3. Two Class I areas in Arkansas are covered by the Regional Haze Rule: Caney Creek Wilderness Area (Caney Creek) and the Upper Buffalo Wilderness Area (Upper Buffalo).
- 4. To meet the requirements of the Regional Haze Rule, each State must submit a State Implementation Plan (SIP) implementing the requirements of the Regional Haze Rule to the EPA for approval. *Id.* Each State must submit a revised SIP in 2021 and every ten years thereafter that includes a long-term strategy to "address regional haze visibility impairment for each mandatory Class I Federal area within the State and for each mandatory Class I

Federal area located outside that State that may be affected by emissions from the State." 40 C.F.R. §51.308(f)(2).

- 5. In developing the long-term strategy for each SIP revision, each State "must evaluate and determine the emission reduction measures that are necessary to make reasonable progress by considering the cost of compliance, the time necessary for compliance, the energy and non-air quality environmental impacts of compliance, and the remaining useful life of any potentially affected anthropogenic source of visibility impairment," collectively referred to as the four-factors. 40 C.F.R. §51.308(f)(2)(i).
- 6. DEQ identified the following emission unit operated by FutureFuel as reasonably anticipated to contribute to visibility impairment at Upper Buffalo and Hercules Glades Wilderness Areas: SN:6M01-01's three coal-fired boilers.
- 7. On January 8, 2020, DEQ issued an information collection request (ICR) to FutureFuel soliciting information about potential control strategies for reducing emissions from SN:6M01-01.
- 8. On April 7, 2020, FutureFuel provided information to DEQ pursuant to the ICR.
- 9. Based on the information provided by FutureFuel and consideration of the four factors, DEQ determined that switching from coal with three-percent sulfur content by weight to coal that has one-and-one-half percent sulfur content (equating to 2.93 pounds of sulfur dioxide per million British thermal units) in the three coal-fired boilers (SN:6M01-01) satisfies Regional Haze Rule requirements for FutureFuel for the second planning period (2021-2028).
- 10. SN:6M01-01 has specific coal specifications to ensure safe operation. These specifications are listed in the table below:

Coal Specifications

Parameter	Value	UoM
Maximum Coal Size	≤ 2 x 0	inch
Preparation Method	Washed	
Maximum Fines (1/4 inch, %)	< 40-50%	%
Maximum Ash	≤ 10	%
Maximum Sulfur	≤ 1.5	%
Minimum Heating Value	10,000	Btu/lb
Minimum Fusion Temp	Oxidizing	
Initial Deformation	≥ 2100	deg F
Softening	≥ 2330	deg F
Fluid	≥ 2550	deg F

- 11. In the event that coal meeting prescribed sulfur concentration and other stoker boiler requirements becomes temporarily unavailable to FutureFuel, temporary use of two percent sulfur content coal (equating to 3.69 pounds of sulfur dioxide per million British thermal units) shall be used to satisfy Regional Haze Rule requirements during the period that coal meeting a limit of 2.93 pounds of sulfur dioxide per million British thermal units is unavailable.
- 12. DEQ considers the requirements set forth in the ORDER AND AGREEMENT to be "applicable requirements" within the meaning of Title V of the Clean Air Act. The addition of these applicable requirements necessitates the reopening of the permit for FutureFuel in order to incorporate the applicable requirements. 40 C.F.R. § 70.7(f)(1)(i).

ORDER AND AGREEMENT

WHEREFORE, without any admission by FutureFuel of the factual and legal allegations contained herein, DEQ and FutureFuel do hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

- 1. FutureFuel shall comply with all requirements set forth in this Order and Agreement.
- 2. No later than three (3) years after the effective date of EPA approval of this AO, FutureFuel shall comply with an emission rate of 2.93 pounds of sulfur dioxide per million British thermal units for SN:6M01-01 boilers. This limit is based on a rolling thirty-operating-day average.
- 3. Compliance with Order and Agreement Paragraph 2 shall be demonstrated based on fuel usage records and feed stream analysis.
 - a. For the purposes of determining the sulfur dioxide emission rate agreed upon in this AO, it shall be assumed that all sulfur entering SN:6M01-01 is emitted as sulfur dioxide.
 - b. FutureFuel shall determine sulfur content and heat value in fuels entering the boilers using applicable EPA methods or ASTM International standards for collection of samples and sulfur content analysis.
 - c. For the purposes of determining the sulfur dioxide emission rate agreed upon in this AO, a "day" shall be considered from 12 a.m. one calendar day to 12 a.m. the following calendar day.
 - d. For each day SN:6M01-01 is operated, FutureFuel shall record the amount, types, sulfur content, and heat content of fuels fed to SN:6M01-01.
 - e. For each day SN:6M01-01 is operated, FutureFuel shall record the pounds of sulfur dioxide per million British thermal units by dividing the daily sulfur dioxide emission rate by the sum of heat content from fuels burned (in million British thermal units).

- f. Each thirty-operating day average shall be calculated as the arithmetic average of the previous 720 hours of sulfur dioxide emission rates, excluding times during which SN:6M01-01is not operating.
- 4. FutureFuel may request a temporary variance from the emission limit established in Order and Agreement Paragraph 2 if FutureFuel can reasonably anticipate periods of non-compliance with Order and Agreement Paragraph 2 resulting from the inability to procure coal that meets an emission rate of 2.93 pounds of sulfur dioxide per million British thermal units and other stoker boiler specifications specified in Statement of Basis Paragraph 10.
 - a. The request for temporary variance shall include all of the following:
 - i. Documentation that coal meeting the requirement of Order and Agreement Paragraph 2 delivered to FutureFuel was included in the contract between FutureFuel and the coal supplier;
 - ii. Certification, including supporting documentation from both FutureFuel and vendors, that FutureFuel has taken all reasonable steps to procure coal meeting Order and Agreement Paragraph 2 requirements from an alternative supplier;
 - iii. An estimate of the volume of coal meeting Order and Agreement Paragraph 2 requirements remaining in stock at FutureFuel;
 - iv. The anticipated duration of the shortage of coal meeting Order and Agreement Paragraph 2 requirements at FutureFuel; and

v. A demonstration that:

- 1. Strict compliance with Order and Agreement Paragraph 2 would result in substantial curtailment or closing down of FutureFuel operations; and
- 2. The temporary variance request is prompted by circumstances beyond the control of FutureFuel.
- b. DEQ, after conferring with EPA, may grant the request for a temporary variance for a period not to exceed ninety (90) calendar days only if FutureFuel provides all required documentation under Paragraph 4.a. and demonstrates to the satisfaction of DEQ that all criteria under Paragraph 4.a. are met.
- c. DEQ, may grant a request for an extension of the temporary variance upon a showing by FutureFuel that an extension is necessary.
 - i. Such an extension shall be requested a minimum of thirty (30) calendar days prior to the expiration date of the temporary variance.

- ii. The total period of all temporary variances under this paragraph shall not exceed 365 calendar days in a five-year period.
- d. DEQ may, for compelling reason or good cause, revoke the temporary variance previously granted.
- e. DEQ's decision to grant or deny a temporary variance request shall be publicly noticed in a newspaper of general circulation in the state within five (5) business days of DEQ's decision. The public notice requirement shall not apply to DEQ's decision to grant an extension of a temporary variance.
- f. DEQ shall notify EPA within five (5) business days of DEQ's decision to grant, extend, or revoke a temporary variance under this paragraph.
- 5. If a temporary variance is granted under Order and Agreement Paragraph 4, FutureFuel shall comply with an emission rate of 3.69 pounds of sulfur dioxide per million British thermal units for SN:6M01-01 on a rolling thirty-operating-day average during the period of the temporary variance. If the period of temporary variance is less than thirty days, FutureFuel shall comply with an emission rate of 3.69 pounds of sulfur dioxide per million British thermal units for SN:6M01-01 based on the arithmetic average over the period of the temporary variance. Compliance shall be demonstrated in accordance with Order and Agreement Paragraph 3.
- 6. FutureFuel shall keep records showing compliance with this AO. All records required under this AO must be maintained by FutureFuel for at least five (5) years and shall be made available to representatives of DEQ and EPA upon request.
- 7. A violation of this AO shall be considered unlawful under Ark. Code Ann § 8-4-217 and subject to the penalties set forth in Ark. Code Ann § 8-4-103 in the same manner as a violation of a permit issued by DEQ.
- 8. FutureFuel shall submit a permit modification application to DEQ to incorporate the applicable requirements of this AO no later than six (6) months after the effective date of EPA approval of this AO.
- 9. Prior to the execution of any agreement for the transfer of ownership or operation of the FutureFuel facility, FutureFuel shall provide notice of and a copy of this AO to the proposed transferee. Transfer of ownership or operation of any portion of the FutureFuel facility shall not relieve FutureFuel of its obligation to ensure that the terms of the AO are implemented unless, at least thirty (30) days prior to such transfer, FutureFuel provides written notice of the prospective transfer to EPA Region 6 and DEQ, and the prospective transferee executes an AO with DEQ prior to the effective date of the transfer providing for continued compliance with the terms set forth in the AO. The Notice of Transfer shall clearly identify the parties responsible for any existing violations of this AO. Any attempt to transfer ownership or operation of the FutureFuel facility without complying with this Paragraph constitutes a violation of this AO.

- 10. Nothing contained in this AO shall relieve FutureFuel of any obligations imposed by any other applicable local, state, or federal laws, except as specifically provided herein, shall this AO be interpreted in any way to relieve FutureFuel of responsibilities contained in the permit.
- 11. If federal legislation or a federal court takes action on the Arkansas Regional Haze SIP revision or Regional Haze Rule resulting in a stay of compliance requirements of the AO including deadlines or the alteration of other federal regional haze requirements, in whole or in part, then the AO shall be enforceable only to the extent it is federally enforceable.
- 12. If any provision or requirement of this AO is disapproved by EPA, all provisions or requirements shall be rendered inoperative.
- 13. This AO is effective upon execution by the Chief Administrator, Environment.
- 14. By virtue of the signature appearing below, the individual represents that he or she is either an Officer or an authorized representative of FutureFuel with the ability to bind the organization to enter into contract on behalf of the organization.

SO ORDERED THIS 3rd DAY OF August , 2022.

Chief Administrator, Environment

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

FutureFuel Chemical Company

(Signature)

Thomas McKinlay

(Typed or printed name)

TITLE: Chief Executive Officer

DATE: <u>August 3, 2022</u>

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT DIVISION ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

In the Matter of:

LIS No. <u>33-</u>084

Entergy Arkansas, LLC – Independence Plant 555 Point Ferry Rd.
Newark, AR 72203
AFIN: 32-00042

This Administrative Order (AO) is issued pursuant to the authority delegated under the federal Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.* and the federal regulations issued thereunder. In addition, this AO is issued pursuant to the authority of the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act, Act 472 of 1949, as amended, codified at Ark Code Ann. § 8-4-101 *et seq.* including Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-311.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

The issues herein having been settled by agreement between Entergy Arkansas, LLC (Entergy) and the Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), it is hereby stipulated that the following STATEMENT OF BASIS and ORDER AND AGREEMENT be entered. DEQ and Entergy hereby agree to the entry of this AO in order to satisfy second-planning-period requirements associated with the Regional Haze Rule, 40 C.F.R. Part 51 Subpart P.

STATEMENT OF BASIS

- 1. Entergy is a Texas limited liability company with its principal headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas.
- 2. Entergy is a partial owner and the operator of the Independence Steam Electric Station (Independence), which operates as a two-unit electric generating station in Independence County that generates electricity for sale.
- 3. On July 1, 1999, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published regulations to address visibility impairment in the nation's Class I areas. 64 Fed. Reg. 35714. These regulations were amended on July 6, 2005 (70 Fed. Reg. 39156), October 13, 2005 (71 Fed. Reg. 60631), June 7, 2012 (77 Fed Reg. 33656), and January 10, 2017 (82 Fed. Reg. 3124). Collectively, these regulations are commonly known as the "Regional Haze Rule," codified at 40 C.F.R. §§ 51.300–51.309.
- 4. To meet the requirements of the Regional Haze Rule, each state must submit a state implementation plan (SIP) implementing the requirements of the Regional Haze Rule to the EPA for approval. *Id.* Each state must submit a revised SIP in 2021 and every ten (10) years thereafter that includes a long-term strategy to "address regional haze visibility impairment for each mandatory Class I Federal area within the State and for each

- mandatory Class I Federal area located outside that State that may be affected by emissions from the State." 40 C.F.R. §51.308(f)(2).
- 5. In developing the long-term strategy for each SIP revision, each state "must evaluate and determine the emission reduction measures that are necessary to make reasonable progress by considering the cost of compliance, the time necessary for compliance, the energy and non-air quality environmental impacts of compliance, and the remaining useful life of any potentially affected anthropogenic source of visibility impairment," collectively referred to as the four-factors. 40 C.F.R. §51.308(f)(2)(i).
- 6. DEQ identified the following emission units operated by Entergy as reasonably anticipated to contribute to visibility impairment at Class I Federal areas in Arkansas and Missouri:
 - a. Independence Unit 1 (SN-01); and
 - b. Independence Unit 2 (SN-02).
- 7. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources, the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, and the Visibility Improvement State and Tribal Association of the Southeast identified Independence as a facility that may affect visibility impairment at Class I Federal areas located in Missouri, Oklahoma, and North Carolina.
- 8. On January 8, 2020, DEQ issued an information collection request (ICR) to Entergy soliciting information about potential control strategies for reducing emissions from Independence Unit 1 (SN-01) and Independence Unit 2 (SN-02).
- 9. On April 7, 2020, Entergy provided information to DEQ pursuant to the ICR. In the ICR response, Entergy indicated plans to cease coal-fired operations at Independence by no later than December 31, 2030. On March 11, 2021, (Case No. 4:18cv854), the United States District Court-Eastern District of Arkansas entered an order that required Entergy to cease coal-fired operations at Independence Unit 1 (SN-01) and Independence Unit 2 (SN-02) by no later than December 31, 2030.
- 10. Based on the information provided by Entergy, the court order requiring cessation of coal-fired operations, and consideration of the four factors, DEQ determined that no additional controls are reasonable to address Regional Haze Rule requirements for Independence Unit 1 (SN-01) and Independence Unit 2 (SN-02) for the second planning period (2021–2028).
- 11. Inclusion of the requirement to cease coal-fired operations by December 31, 2030, at Independence Unit 1 (SN-01) and Independence Unit 2 (SN-02) in this Order and Agreement constitutes an applicable requirement under Title V of the Clean Air Act. The addition of these applicable requirements necessitates the reopening of the permit for Independence, 0449-AOP-R17, to incorporate the applicable requirements. 40 C.F.R. § 70.7(f)(1)(i).

ORDER AND AGREEMENT

WHEREFORE, DEQ and Entergy do hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

- 1. Entergy shall comply with all requirements set forth in this Order and Agreement.
- 2. No later than December 31, 2030, Entergy shall permanently cease the combustion of coal at Independence Unit 1 (SN-01) and Independence Unit 2 (SN-02).
- 3. DEQ has the authority to enforce this AO under Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-103 and any violations of this AO will be subject to the penalties set forth in Ark. Code Ann § 8-4-103(c).
- 4. Entergy shall submit a permit modification application to DEQ for Independence incorporating the applicable requirements of this AO no later than eighteen (18) months after the effective date of this AO.
- 5. Prior to the execution of any agreement for the transfer of ownership or operation of Independence, Entergy shall provide notice of and a copy of this AO to the proposed transferee. Transfer of ownership or operation of any portion of the Independence facility, including Independence Unit 1 (SN-01) and Independence Unit 2 (SN-02), shall not relieve Entergy of its obligation to ensure that the terms of the AO are implemented unless, at least thirty (30) days prior to such transfer, Entergy provides written notice of the prospective transfer to EPA Region 6 and DEQ, and the prospective transferee executes an AO with DEQ prior to the effective date of the transfer providing for continued compliance with the terms set forth in the AO. The Notice of Transfer shall clearly identify the parties responsible for any existing violations of this AO. Any attempt to transfer ownership or operation of the Independence facility without complying with this Paragraph constitutes a violation of this AO.
- 6. Nothing contained in this AO shall relieve Entergy of any obligations imposed by any other applicable local, state, or federal laws, and, except as specifically provided herein, this AO shall not be interpreted in any way to relieve Entergy of responsibilities contained in the permit.
- 7. If federal legislation or a federal court takes action on the Arkansas Regional Haze SIP revision or Regional Haze Rule resulting in a stay of compliance requirements of the AO including deadlines or the alteration of other federal regional haze requirements, in whole or in part, then the AO shall be enforceable only to the extent it is federally enforceable.
- 8. If any provision or requirement of this AO is disapproved by EPA, all provisions or requirements shall be rendered inoperative.
- 9. This AO is effective upon execution by the Chief Administrator, Environment.

10. By virtue of the signature appearing below, the individual represents that he or she is either an Officer or authorized representative of Entergy with the ability to bind the organization into a contract on behalf of the organization.

SO ORDERED THIS ZND DAY OF AV6, 2022.

Julie Linck

Chief Administrator, Environment

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

Entergy Arkansas, LLC

Laura Landreaux

President and Chief Executive Officer, Entergy Arkansas, LLC

DATE: August 2,2022



APPENDIX M

Authority to Adopt and Implement the Plan

Division of Environmental Quality

Office of Air Quality

Document: A.C.A. § 8-1-203

A.C.A. § 8-1-203

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AR - Arkansas Code Annotated Title 8 Environmental Law Chapter 1 General Provisions Subchapter 2 — Powers of the Division and Commission

8-1-203. Powers and responsibilities of the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission.

- (a) The Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission shall meet regularly in publicly noticed open meetings to discuss and rule upon matters of environmental concern.
- (b) The commission's powers and duties shall be as follows:
- (1)
- (A) Promulgation of rules implementing the substantive statutes charged to the Division of Environmental Quality for administration.
- (B) In promulgation of such rules, prior to the submittal to public comment and review of any rule or change to any rule that is more stringent than the federal requirements, the commission shall duly consider the economic impact and the environmental benefit of such rule on the people of the State of Arkansas, including those entities that will be subject to the rule.
- (C) The commission shall promptly initiate rulemaking proceedings to further implement the analysis required under subdivision (b)(1)(B) of this section.
- (D) The extent of the analysis required under subdivision (b)(1)(B) of this section shall be defined in the commission's rulemaking required https://advance.lexis.com/documentprint/documentprintclick/?pdmfid=1000516&crid=7037350d-8e47-40b7-ad5c-b7cec2aa91a3&ecomp=w3 dkkk&prid=60eab65d-4409-4b17-96ad-a61285d9b963

under subdivision (b)(1)(C) of this section. It will include a written report which shall be available for public review along with the proposed rule in the public comment period.

- (E) Upon completion of the public comment period, the commission shall compile a rulemaking record or response to comments demonstrating a reasoned evaluation of the relative impact and benefits of the more stringent rule;
- (2) Promulgation of rules and procedures not otherwise governed by applicable law that the commission deems necessary to secure public participation in environmental decision-making processes;
- (3) Promulgation of rules governing administrative procedures for challenging or contesting division actions;
- (4) In the case of permitting or grants decisions, providing the right to appeal a permitting or grants decision rendered by the Director of the Division of Environmental Quality or his or her delegatee;
- (5) In the case of an administrative enforcement or emergency action, providing the right to contest any such action initiated by the director;
- (6) Instruct the director to prepare such reports or perform such studies as will advance the cause of environmental protection in the state;
- (7) Make recommendations to the director regarding overall policy and administration of the division. However, the director shall always remain within the plenary authority of the Governor; and
- (8) Upon a majority vote, initiate review of any director's decision.
- (c)
- (1)
- (A) In providing for adjudicatory review as contemplated by subdivisions (b)(4) and (5) of this section, the commission may appoint one (1) or more administrative law judges.
- (B) An administrative law judge shall at all times serve as an agent of the commission.
- (2) In hearings upon appeals of permitting or grants decisions by the director or contested administrative enforcement or emergency actions initiated by the director, the administrative law judge shall administer the hearing in accordance with procedures adopted by the commission and, after due deliberation, submit his or her recommended decision to the commission.
- (3)
- (A)
- (i) Commission review of any appealed or contested matter shall be upon the record compiled by the administrative law judge and his or her recommended decision.
- (ii) Commission review shall be de novo. However, no additional evidence need be received unless the commission so decides in accordance with established administrative procedures.
- (B) The commission may afford the opportunity for oral argument to all parties of the adjudicatory hearing.

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(i) By the majority vote of a quorum, the commission may affirm, reverse and dismiss, or reverse and remand to the director.

(ii) If the commission votes to affirm or reverse, such decision shall constitute final agency action for purposes of appeal.

(4) Any party aggrieved by the commission decision may appeal as provided by applicable law.

(d) The Chair of the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission may appoint one (1) or more committees composed of commission

members to act in an advisory capacity to the full commission.

History

Acts 1991, No. 1230, § 1; 1993, No. 163, § 7; 1993, No. 165, § 7; 1993, No. 1264, § 2; 1995, No. 117, § 1; 2015, No. 838, §§ 1, 2; 2019,

No. 315, §§ 437-439; 2019, No. 910, §§ 2432-2434.

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AR - Arkansas Code Annotated Title 8 Environmental Law Chapter 4 Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control

Act Subchapter 3 — Air Pollution

8-4-311. Powers generally.

- (a) The Division of Environmental Quality or its successor shall have the power to:
- (1) Develop and effectuate a comprehensive program for the prevention and control of all sources of pollution of the air of this state;
- (2) Advise, consult, and cooperate with other agencies of the state, political subdivisions, industries, other states, the United States Government, and with affected groups in the furtherance of the purposes of this subchapter;
- (3) Encourage and conduct studies, investigations, and research relating to air pollution and its causes, prevention, control, and abatement as it may deem advisable and necessary;
- (4) Collect and disseminate information relative to air pollution and its prevention and control;
- (5) Consider complaints and make investigations;
- (6) Encourage voluntary cooperation by the people, municipalities, counties, industries, and others in preserving and restoring the purity of the air within the state;
- (7) Administer and enforce all laws and rules relating to pollution of the air:

- (8) Represent the state in all matters pertaining to plans, procedures, or negotiations for interstate compacts in relation to air pollution control;
- (9)
- (A) Cooperate with and receive moneys from the United States Government or any other source for the study and control of air pollution.
- (B) The division is designated as the official state air pollution control agency for such purposes;
- (10) Make, issue, modify, revoke, and enforce orders prohibiting, controlling, or abating air pollution, and requiring the adoption of remedial measures to prevent, control, or abate air pollution;
- (11) Institute court proceedings to compel compliance with the provisions of this chapter and rules and orders issued pursuant to this chapter;
- (12) Exercise all of the powers in the control of air pollution granted to the division for the control of water pollution under §§ 8-4-101 8-4-106 and 8-4-201 8-4-229; and
- (13) Develop and implement state implementation plans provided that the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission shall retain all powers and duties regarding promulgation of rules under this chapter.
- **(b)** The commission shall have the power to:
- **(1)**
- (A) Promulgate rules for implementing the substantive statutes charged to the division for administration.
- (B) In promulgation of such rules, prior to the submittal to public comment and review of any rule or change to any rule that is more stringent than federal requirements, the commission shall duly consider the economic impact and the environmental benefit of such rule on the people of the State of Arkansas, including those entities that will be subject to the rule.
- (C) The commission shall promptly initiate rulemaking to further implement the analysis required under subdivision (b)(1)(B) of this section.
- (D) The extent of the analysis required under subdivision (b)(1)(B) of this section shall be defined in the commission's rulemaking required under subdivision (b)(1)(C) of this section. It will include a written report that shall be available for public review along with the proposed rule in the public comment period.
- (E) Upon completion of the public comment period, the commission shall compile a rulemaking record or response to comments demonstrating a reasoned evaluation of the relative impact and benefits of the more stringent rule;
- (2) Promulgate rules and procedures not otherwise governed by applicable law that the commission deems necessary to secure public participation in environmental decision-making processes;
- (3) Promulgate rules governing administrative procedures for challenging or contesting division actions;
- (4) In the case of permitting or grants decisions, provide the right to appeal a permitting or grants decision rendered by the Director of the Division of Environmental Quality or his or her delegatee;
- (5) In the case of an administrative enforcement or emergency action, provide the right to contest any such action initiated by the director;

- (6) Instruct the director to prepare such reports or perform such studies as will advance the cause of environmental protection in the state;
- (7) Make recommendations to the director regarding overall policy and administration of the division, provided, however, that the director shall always remain within the plenary authority of the Governor and the Secretary of the Department of Energy and Environment;
- (8) Upon a majority vote, initiate review of any director's decision;
- (9) Adopt, after notice and public hearing, reasonable and nondiscriminatory rules requiring the registration of and the filing of reports by persons engaged in operations that may result in air pollution;

(10)

- (A) Adopt, after notice and public hearing, reasonable and nondiscriminatory rules, including requiring a permit or other regulatory authorization from the division, before any equipment causing the issuance of air contaminants may be built, erected, altered, replaced, used, or operated, except in the case of repairs or maintenance of equipment for which a permit has been previously used, and revoke or modify any permit issued under this chapter or deny any permit when it is necessary, in the opinion of the division, to prevent, control, or abate air pollution.
- (B) A permit shall be issued for the operation or use of any equipment or any facility in existence upon the effective date of any rule requiring a permit if proper application is made for the permit.
- (C) No such permit shall be modified or revoked without prior notice and hearing as provided in this section.
- (D) Any person that is denied a permit by the division or that has such permit revoked or modified shall be afforded an opportunity for a hearing in connection therewith upon written application made within thirty (30) days after service of notice of such denial, revocation, or modification.
- (E) The operation of any existing equipment or facility for which a proper permit application has been made shall not be interrupted pending final action thereon.

(F)

- (i) An applicant or permit holder that has had a complete application for a permit or for a modification of a permit pending longer than the time specified in the state rules promulgated pursuant to Title V of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, 42 U.S.C. § 7661 et seq., or any person that participated in the public participation process, and any other person that could obtain judicial review of such actions under state laws, may petition the commission for relief from division inaction.
- (ii) The commission will either deny or grant the petition within forty-five (45) days of its submittal.
- (iii) For the purposes of judicial review, either a commission denial or the failure of the division to render a final decision within thirty (30) days after the commission has granted a petition shall constitute final agency action;

(11)

- (A) Establish through its rulemaking authority, either alone or in conjunction with the appropriate state or local agencies, a system for the banking and trading of air emissions designed to maintain both the state's attainment status with the national ambient air quality standards
- mandated by the Clean Air Act and the overall air quality of the state.
- (B) The commission may consider differential valuation of emission credits as necessary to achieve primary and secondary national ambient air quality standards, and may consider establishing credits for air pollutants other than those designated as criteria air pollutants by the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
- (C) Any rule proposed pursuant to this authorization shall be reported to the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor and the Senate Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor or appropriate subcommittees of the House Committee on Public Health, Welfare, and Labor prior to its final promulgation; and
- (12) In the case of a state implementation plan, provide the right to appeal a final decision rendered by the director or his or her delegate under § 8-4-317.

History

Acts 1949, No. 472, [Part 2], § 5, as added by Acts 1965, No. 183, § 7; A.S.A. 1947, § 82-1935; Acts 1993, No. 994, § 1; 1995, No. 895, § 4; 1997, No. 179, § 1; 1997, No. 1219, § 6; 1999, No. 1164, § 31; 2013, No. 1302, §§ 2, 3; 2019, No. 315, §§ 490-499; 2019, No. 910, §§ 2527-2536.

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8-4-317. State implementation plans generally.

- (a) In developing and implementing a state implementation plan, the Division of Environmental Quality shall consider and take into account the factors specified in § 8-4-312 and the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 et seq., as applicable.
- (b)
- **(1)**
- (A) Whenever the division proposes to finalize a state implementation plan submittal for review and approval by the United States

 Environmental Protection Agency, it shall cause notice of its proposed action to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the state.
- (B) The notice required under subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section shall afford any interested party at least thirty (30) calendar days in which to submit comments on the proposed state implementation plan submittal in its entirety.
- (C)
- (i) In the case of any emission limit, work practice or operational standard, environmental standard, analytical method, air dispersion modeling requirement. or monitoring requirement that is incorporated as an element of the proposed state implementation plan submittal. the record of https://advance.lexis.com/documentprint/documentprintclick/?pdmfid=1000516&crid=5d74c67c-1ac2-4243-9bfb-263cd0ac0049&ecomp=w3_dkkk&prid=94ee3760-2487-4b34-90ad-a52606228e66

the proposed action shall include a written explanation of the rationale for the proposal, demonstrating the reasoned consideration of the factors

in § 8-4-312 as applicable, the need for each measure in attaining or maintaining the National Ambient Air Quality Standards as applicable, and that any requirements or standards are based upon generally accepted scientific knowledge and engineering practices.

(ii) For any standard or requirement that is identical to the applicable Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission rule or federal regulation, the demonstration required under subdivision (b)(1)(C)(i) of this section may be satisfied by reference to the rule or federal regulation. In all other cases, the division shall provide its own justification with appropriate reference to the scientific and engineering literature considered or the written studies conducted by the division.

(2)

(A) At the conclusion of the public comment period and before transmittal to the Governor for submittal to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the division shall provide written notice of its final decision regarding the state implementation plan submittal to all persons who submitted public comments.

(B)

- (i) The division's final decision shall include a response to each issue raised in any public comments received during the public comment period. The response shall manifest reasoned consideration of the issues raised by the public comments and shall be supported by appropriate legal, scientific, or practical reasons for accepting or rejecting the substance of the comment in the division's final decision.
- (ii) For the purposes of this section, response to comments by the division should serve the roles of both developing the record for possible judicial review of a state implementation plan decision and serving as a record for the public's review of the division's technical and legal interpretations on long-range regulatory issues.
- (iii) This section does not limit the division's authority to raise all relevant issues of regulatory concern upon adjudicatory review by the commission of a particular state implementation plan decision.

(c)

- (1) Only those persons that submit comments on the record during the public comment period have standing to appeal the final decision of the division to the commission upon written application made within thirty (30) days after service of the notice under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section.
- (2) An appeal under subdivision (c)(1) of this section shall be processed as a permit appeal under § 8-4-205. However, the decision of the Director of the Division of Environmental Quality shall remain in effect during the appeal.

History

Acts 2013, No. 1302, § 4; 2017, No. 455, § 2; 2019, No. 315, § 501; 2019, No. 910, §§ 2543-2547.

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Full and complete copies of the proposed RH SIP revision are available for inspection and review after making an appointment during regular business hours at the DEQ headquarters building, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118.

DEQ's public review process provides the opportunity for meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income. Documentation associated with this SIP revision is freely available on DEQ's webpage. The public notice is published in a newspaper of statewide circulation and the online version of the notice is freely available at https://classifieds.arkansasonline.com/marketplace-littlerock/category/Legal%20Notices/Legal%20Notices.

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Public Hearing for Regional Haze Planning Period II Proposed State Plan for Arkansas Hearing Officer Script

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Good afternoon and welcome.

This is a public hearing for the proposed Arkansas Regional Haze State Implementation Plan, also referred to as "The Regional Haze SIP."

My name is Erika Droke, and I'm with the Office of Air Quality. I will be serving as Hearing Officer today.

The time is [check time] 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 29, 2022.

We are conducting this hearing at the Department of Energy and Environment Headquarters at 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72118.

This hearing is also broadcasting live on the Department's YouTube channel.

The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, Division of Environmental Quality, proposes updates to the Regional Haze SIP to address Planning Period 2 requirements for the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Regional Haze Rule.

A copy of the proposed Regional Haze SIP, supporting documentation, and the public notices that were published in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette on February 27 and March 6, 2022, is available on DEQ's website at:

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This hearing is intended to provide the public with the opportunity to submit comments about the proposed Regional Haze SIP.

Oral comments will be accepted, but written comments are preferred in the interest of accuracy.

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In addition to the opportunity provided by this hearing, the Division of Environmental Quality will accept written comments on the proposed Regional Haze SIP through 4:30 p.m. on April 28, 2022.

Persons who pre-registered to provide oral comments during this hearing will be called upon one-by-one and allotted five minutes to present their oral comments. If you did not pre-register to provide oral comments, but wish to do so, you may obtain a comment card from one of our staff members who are in the audience.

When you are called upon, please step up to the podium and state your name, email address, and the organization, if any, on whose behalf you are delivering comments.

<Call names one-by-one, first from pre-registered list, and then from comment cards>

• Mr. Brian Bond, Vice President of External Affairs for American Electric Power, Southwestern Electric Power Company has indicated that he has a comment

<Once all persons wishing to comment are heard:>

Is there anyone else who would like to provide comments at this time?

Hearing no one, this public hearing is adjourned. The time is now [check time].

<Stop recording>

<u>Arkansas Regional Haze Planning Period II Proposed State Implementation Plan Public</u> Hearing Transcription of Oral Comments

Commenter 1: Mr. Brian Bond, American Electric Power/SWEPCO

Good afternoon. I'm Brian Bond, Vice President of External Affairs with AEP SWEPCO. My email address is tbbond@aep.com

I'm here today to express our full support for the DEQ's RH SIP proposal as is now contemplated and as put out for public comment. AEP-SWEPCO operates two coal-fired facilities in the state of Arkansas: the Turk power plant and Flint Creek power plant. Since 2016 at Flint Creek, we have installed controls that benefited RH and Class I areas to reduce Regional Haze, installed SO₂ controls, controls for mitigating air toxics, and overfired air technology, at a \$480 million estimate. We split that cost with Arkansas Electric Cooperatives; it was a major and very well-done capital investment that will provide air quality benefits for years to come. We are very pleased to state that we currently have two of the lowest emitting coal fueled units in the world as a result of investments made at Turk power plant and Flint Creek power plant. So again, we do not believe any additional controls are necessary at Flint Creek power plant going into the second planning period. We appreciate all the work that the staff has done in bringing forward this proposal.

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