

Notice of Regional Haze Second Planning Period State Plan Proposed Revision, Public Hearing, and Comment Period

The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment (E&E), Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ), has prepared a revision to the state's Second Planning Period Regional Haze plan that is under review by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Arkansas has completed the required consultation with federal land managers and other states and now makes available for public inspection the documentation of the proposed revision to the state plan.

Pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 8-4-317 and by this notice, DEQ solicits comments of any interested party to this proposed revision by emailing comments to ee.comment@arkansas.gov or by mailing comments to Demetria Kimbrough, Department of Energy and Environment, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118, on or before the end of the public comment period, which is 5 p.m. Central Standard Time (CST) Tuesday, March 3, 2026. Comments received on the proposed revision during the public comment period from stakeholders and the public will be made a part of the record.

Complete copies of the proposed revision are available for inspection and review after making an appointment during regular business hours at E&E headquarters, located at 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. The proposed revision is posted on E&E's website at www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/planning/sip/regional-haze.aspx. In addition, a paper copy of the proposed revision can be obtained by request at ee.comment@arkansas.gov.

A public hearing on the proposed revision will be held Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 2 p.m. CST to accept comments. The hearing will be held in the commission room at E&E headquarters, located at the above address. Oral and written comments regarding the proposed revision will be accepted at the hearing, but written comments are preferred in the interest of accuracy.

A recording of the public hearing may be viewed on the E&E YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/@arkansasdepartmentofenergy6731 following the hearing. If the hearing is postponed and rescheduled, a new legal notice will be published to announce the details of the new hearing date.

Dated this 31st day of January and 1st day of February of, 2026.

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