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Notice of Proposed State Implementation Plan Revision, Public Hearing, and Comment Period

The Division of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is proposing a revision to the Arkansas Regional Haze state implementation plan (RH SIP). States with federal Class I areas are required to conduct certain analyses to establish goals for each Class I area in the state to 1) improve visibility on the haziest days and 2) ensure no degradation occurs on the clearest days. These goals and long-term strategies to achieve these goals are to be included in state RH SIPs covering each ten-year period leading up to 2064. This revision is intended to demonstrate how Arkansas has and will continue to make progress toward natural visibility conditions at federal Class I areas, pursuant to requirements for second planning period RH SIPs from the federal Regional Haze Rule at 51.308(f).

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 8-4-317, DEQ by this notice solicits comments of any interested party to the proposed RH SIP revision by submitting comments in writing on or before the end of the public comment period, which is March 29, 2022. All comments should be directed to Erika Droke at the electronic mail or physical mail addresses listed below.

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>.

DEQ will accommodate interested persons with limited English proficiency by producing critical information in languages other than English upon request. Request for materials in another language should be sent to Shay Randolph by email at shay.randolph@adeq.state.ar.us or by phone at 501-682-0801.

A public hearing to accept comments on the proposed RH SIP revision will be held on March 29, 2022, beginning at 3:30 p.m., Central Time. The hearing will be held in the Commission Room at the E&E headquarters building at 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. The public hearing may be viewed via live broadcast on the E&E YouTube channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMr_txISHivnxRjg3dmOZ0A. If the hearing is



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postponed and rescheduled, a new legal notice will be published to announce the details of the new hearing date.

Participation may be in person or through the Zoom virtual meetings platform. Written and oral statements may be submitted regarding the proposed RH SIP for consideration at the Public Hearing. Persons wishing to be recognized to make an oral comment in person must pre-register by leaving a voicemail at 501-682-0542, or emailing droke@adeq.state.ar.us before 4:00 p.m., Central Time, on the day before the hearing. The number of participants in the Commission Room at one time will be limited to ensure appropriate physical distancing. Persons wishing to be recognized to make an oral comment through the Zoom virtual meetings platform during the public hearing must be placed on a “virtual sign-in list” by leaving a voicemail at 501-682-0542 or emailing droke@adeq.state.ar.us before 4:00 p.m., Central Time, on the day before the hearing. Persons attending via the Zoom virtual meetings platform may participate using a telephone or internet audio. The Zoom information will be provided to those persons on the virtual sign-in list. A request to be included on the list of commenters must include the name and mailing address of the individual requestor or commenter and, for those wishing to comment via Zoom using telephone access, the commenter’s phone number.

Oral and written comments regarding the proposed RH SIP revision will be accepted at the hearing, but written comments are preferred in the interest of accuracy. In addition, written and electronic mail comments will be considered if received no later than 11:59 p.m., Central Time, March 29, 2022. Written comments should be delivered or mailed to: Erika Droke, Department of Energy and Environment, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. Submit electronic comments on the proposed state plan to: airplancomments@adeq.state.ar.us.

The proposed RH SIP revision and supporting documentation is posted to E&E’s website at <https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/planning/sip/regional-haze.aspx>.

The deadline for submitting written comments on the proposed RH SIP revision is 11:59 p.m., Central Time, March 29, 2022.

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