

**ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT
OF PROPOSED RULES OR REGULATIONS
ACT 143 OF 2007: Regulatory Flexibility**

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Title or Subject: Addition of Chapter 15: Regional Haze Rule (CAIR) to Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Regulation 19 Regulations of the Arkansas Plan of Implementation for Air Pollution Control

Benefits of the Proposed Rule or Regulation

1. Explain the need for the proposed change(s). Did any complaints motivate you to pursue regulatory action? If so, Please explain the nature of such complaints.
Regulation Number 19 contains the provisions of the State Implementation Plan for the State of Arkansas. The proposed addition of Chapter 15 addresses the State's obligations under the Regional Haze Rule. 40 CFR 51.308 requires all states to submit, an implementation plan addressing regional haze in each mandatory Class I Federal area located within the state and areas located outside the state which may be affected by emissions from within the state. This plan, among other things, must contain emission limits representing best available retrofit technology (BART) requirements for sources "that may reasonably be anticipated to cause or contribute to any impairment of visibility in any mandatory Class I federal area.
2. **What are the top three benefits of the proposed rule or regulation?**
 - a. *Improved visibility in Federally Mandated Class I area;*
 - b. *Reduced respiratory health effects and reduced cardiovascular and lung cancer incidents;*
 - c. *Increased revenue to the State by increasing visitation to AR's two Class I areas.*
3. What, in your estimation, would be the consequence of taking no action, thereby maintaining the status quo?
EPA will implement a FIP to address the requirements under the Regional Haze Rule.
4. Describe market-based alternatives or voluntary standards that were considered in place of the proposed regulation and state the reason(s) for not selecting those alternatives.
None. EPA mandated these revisions.

Impact of Proposed Rule or Regulation

5. Estimate the cost to state government of collecting information, completing paperwork, filing recordkeeping, auditing and inspecting associated with this new rule or regulation.
There are no costs to Arkansas to participate. Minimal costs are associated with providing annual data to EPA.

6. What types of small businesses will be required to comply with the proposed rule or regulation? Please estimate the number of small businesses affected.
Small business will not be affected by the proposed Regulation 19 revision.
7. Does the proposed regulation create barriers to entry? If so, please describe those barriers and why those barriers are necessary.
The proposed regulation will provide no barriers to entry. Businesses affected by this regulation are obligated to participate by EPA.
8. Explain the additional requirements with which small business owners will have to comply and estimate the costs associated with compliance.
No additional requirements for small business owners.
9. **State whether the proposed regulation contains different requirements for different sized entities, and explain why this is, or is not, necessary.**
This rule establishes Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) limits for sources required to have them. These limits are established on a case-by-case basis, taking into consideration the technology available, the costs of compliance, the energy and nonair quality environmental impacts of compliance, any pollution control equipment in use or in existence at the source, the remaining useful life of the source, and the degree of improvement in visibility which may reasonably be anticipated to result from the use of such technology.
10. Describe your understanding of the ability of small business owners to implement changes required by the proposed regulation.
Small businesses are not required to implement any changes.
11. **How does this rule or regulation compare to similar rules and regulations in other states or the federal government?**
This rule revision is intended to meet the State's obligations under 40 CFR 51.308. It does not contain any elements not required by 40 CFR 51.308.

Provide a summary of the input your agency has received from small business or small business advocates about the proposed rule or regulation.

None.