

**Public Notice**  
**Ohio Environmental Protection Agency**  
**Regional Haze**  
**5-Year Progress Report**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, (Ohio EPA) is submitting Ohio's Regional Haze 5-year Progress Report to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).

This report is being submitted in accordance with the Regional Haze Rule requirements contained in Section 51.308 of Part 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations. The goal of the Regional Haze Rule is to restore national parks and wilderness areas (Class I areas) to the "pristine" condition of atmospheric clarity that would prevail in the absence of human impacts by the year 2064. The Regional Haze Rule requires States with Class I areas to make reasonable progress towards achieving this goal. Ohio does not contain any Class I areas. However, the Regional Haze Rule requires States that do not have Class I areas to determine if their emissions may impact other States' Class I areas. When a State is found to impact a neighboring States' Class I areas they are required to work cooperatively and develop a long term strategy for achieving the goal. This report discusses the progress that is being made and the adequacy of the Ohio Regional Haze SIP in reducing Ohio's impact on neighboring Class I areas.

Ohio's progress report shows Ohio believes that the current SIP continues to be sufficient to achieve the emissions reductions that will constitute Ohio's fair share toward meeting the reasonable progress goals at all federal Class I areas to which Ohio's emissions contribute to the visibility impairment. Further, Ohio EPA is submitting a negative declaration to U.S. EPA that further revision of the existing SIP is not needed at this time. The State of Ohio will request that U.S. EPA review and approve the assessment presented in the Progress Report.

These actions must be noticed to allow public comment and to satisfy U.S. EPA requirements for public involvement in SIP related activities. Written comments may be received on or before Thursday, February 25, 2016 at the following address:

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Pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations Part 40 Section 51.103, a public hearing on these rule changes will be conducted on **Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 3:30 PM** at Ohio EPA Central Office, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio.

All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented at the hearings and give written or oral comments on this action. All oral comments presented at the hearing, and all written statements submitted at the hearing or to the above address by the close of business on February 25, 2016, will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this submittal. Written statements submitted after February 25, 2016, may be considered as time and circumstances permit, but will not be part of the official record of the hearing.

This Progress Report is available on Ohio EPA DAPC's Web page at: <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/SIP/haze.aspx> for electronic downloading. Questions regarding accessing the web site should be directed to Paul Braun at 614-644-3734; other questions or comments about this document should be directed to Jennifer Hunter at (614) 644-3696, [jennifer.vanvlerah@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:jennifer.vanvlerah@epa.ohio.gov) or mailed to Jennifer Van Vlerah at the above address.