

Public Notice
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Regional Haze
State Implementation Plan

Notice is hereby given that the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, (Ohio EPA) is submitting Ohio's Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP) to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA).

This SIP 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. Ohio's SIP submittal discusses Ohio's impact on neighboring Class I areas and Ohio's long term strategy.

The State of Ohio will request that U.S. EPA review and approve the long term strategy and other elements of the SIP.

These actions must be noticed to allow public comment and to satisfy U.S. EPA requirements for public involvement in SIP related activities. This notice addresses Ohio EPA's reliance on the emission projections as evidence of having an acceptable long term strategy. Written comments may be received on or before February 26, 2009 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 as follows: February 26, 2009 at 3:30 PM, in the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Central Office located at 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 26, 2009, will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this submittal. Written statements submitted after February 26, 2009, may be considered as time and circumstances permit, but will not be part of the official record of the hearing.

This SIP is available on Ohio EPA DAPC's Web page at: <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/> for electronic downloading by clicking on "State implementation plan" under the "topics" drop-down box. Questions regarding accessing the web site should be directed to Arunee Niamlarb at (614) 728-1342; other questions or comments about this document should be directed to Jennifer Hunter at (614) 644-3696, jennifer.hunter@epa.state.oh.us or mailed to Jennifer Hunter at the above address.