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Dear Mr. Leon:

On August 12, 2022, the State of Vermont submitted a draft Regional Haze State Implementation Plan describing your proposal to continue improving air quality by reducing regional haze impacts at mandatory Class I areas across the region. We appreciate the opportunity to work closely with your State through the initial evaluation, development, and subsequent review of this plan. Cooperative efforts such as these ensure that, together, we will continue to make progress toward the Clean Air Act's goal of natural visibility conditions at our Class I areas.

This letter acknowledges that the U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Forest Service, has received and conducted a substantive review of your proposed Regional Haze State Implementation Plan. This review satisfies your requirements under the federal regulations 40 C.F.R. § 51.308(i)(2). Please note, however, that only the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) can make a final determination about the document's completeness, and therefore, only the EPA has the authority to approve the document.

We are satisfied with the document as provided and offer no suggestions for change. For further information, please contact Ralph Perron at [ralph.perron@usda.gov](mailto:ralph.perron@usda.gov).

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to work closely with the State of Vermont. The Forest Service compliments you on your hard work and dedication to significant improvement in our nation's air quality values and visibility.

Sincerely,

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Hello Mr. Leon,

The National Park Service (NPS) appreciates the opportunity to review the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Air Quality & Climate Division August 2022 draft Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the 2018-2028 Implementation Period. This email acts as documentation of our review and concludes the formal NPS regional haze consultation as required by 42 U.S.C. §7491(d).

While Vermont does not have any NPS managed Class I areas, emissions from sources in the state affect visibility at Acadia National Park in Maine. We appreciate your continued involvement in the Mid-Atlantic Northeast Visibility Union (MANE-VU) and your commitment to reducing pollutants in the region to help improve visibility in all Class I areas. In general, we commend Vermont for doing a good job outlining and incorporating the technical analyses produced by MANE-VU in the draft SIP. The NPS has no further comments at this time.

We welcome the opportunity for further dialogue with you as Vermont progresses to a final SIP revision. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out to us. Also, please notify us once the state begins the public review process and if, or when, a public hearing may be scheduled.

Thank you,

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