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Lynne Hamjian, Director Air and Radiation Division US EPA - New England, Region 1 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 Boston, MA 02109-3912

Re: Submission of the Vermont State Implementation Plan for Regional Haze as required by the Federal Regional Haze Rule, 40 CFR §51.308

Dear Ms. Hamjian:

The State of Vermont is hereby submitting its Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the second planning period in accordance with 40 C.F.R. Part 51. The Regional Haze SIP with supporting documentation will be officially submitted on the EPA SPeCS for SIPs platform, while identical files will be available to download from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation's website at the following URL: https://dec.vermont.gov/air-quality/planning/state-implementation-plans

In support of this submission, please find enclosed the following documents:

- 1. Public notice of intent to submit the SIP
- 2. Certification pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 51.102 and Appendix V of 40 C.F.R. Part 51
- 3. The Regional Haze SIP revision with appendices, for the Second Implementation Period

If you have any questions, please contact me or Bennet Leon of my staff at (802) 249-4221.

Sincerely,

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Heidi Hales Director

Enclosures

cc: Eric Wortman, US EPA Region 1
Ariel Garcia, US EPA Region 1
Tim Allen, US Fish & Wildlife
Ralph Perron, US Forest Service
Holly Salazar, National Park Service

Certification Pursuant to 40 CFR § 51.102 and Appendix V of 40 CFR Part 51

As required by 40 CFR § 51.102(f), I hereby certify that the requirements of 40 CFR § 51.102(a)-(d) were met and that the public notice and hearing procedure followed was consistent with the information provided in the public notice and the State's laws and constitution, as applicable. Public notice of the intent to submit the Vermont State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Regional Haze, Second Implementation Period, to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was posted online on April 19, 2024 on the Air Quality and Climate Division's website (https://dec.vermont.gov/air-quality/planning/state-implementation-plans) and the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation's Environmental Notice Bulletin (https://enb.vermont.gov/).

The public was provided with the opportunity to comment until June 1, 2024. The public notice included information for the public hearing, which was held on May 22, 2024 at 10:00 am in the Catamount Room at the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources located at One National Life Drive, Davis Building, 2nd Floor in Montpelier, Vermont. Written comment was received from the EPA on May 30, 2024. No other comment was received. The SIP was revised to address the EPA comment.

Heidi Hales
Certifying Officer