State of Vermont, Agency of Natural Resources Notice of Intent to submit the State Implementation Plan Progress Report for the Regional Haze Second Implementation Period

Notice is hereby given that the Vermont Air Quality and Climate Division (AQCD) is providing the opportunity for interested persons to request a public hearing and provide comment on a proposed Progress Report to the Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP) that will be submitted to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The Vermont AQCD has drafted a Progress Report for the Vermont SIP for Regional Haze to address federal requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 169B. The SIP for the Second Implementation Period was submitted to EPA July 2024 and is still under review. The Regional Haze regulations require periodic updates to determine if changes to the existing SIP are needed.

Vermont's Progress Report is required by the Environmental Protection Agency to evaluate regional haze control strategies, emission reductions, visibility progress, emission inventory progress, any changes that impede visibility progress, assessment of the current strategy, review of the visibility monitoring strategy, and a formal determination of adequacy of the current SIP. This Progress Report is fulfilling those requirements. Federal Land Managers for the National Park Service, Forest Service, and Fish and Wildlife were consulted during development of this proposed Progress Report.

Vermont has determined that the current SIP under review by EPA Region 1 remains adequate.

The proposed Progress Report for the Second Implementation Period is available on the AQCD's website at https://dec.vermont.gov/air-quality/planning/sip, on Vermont DEC's Environmental Notice Bulletin at environmentation Bulletin at https://environmentation Bulletin at environmentation Bulletin at environmentation Bulletin at environmentation Bulletin at <a href="https://environmentation.gov"

Written comments on the proposed Progress Report for the Regional Haze SIP must be received by the AQCD by 5:00pm EST on February 14, 2025.

All written comments must be mailed or emailed to:

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