

State of Vermont, Agency of Natural Resources
Notice of Intent to submit the State Implementation Plan for
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 State Implementation Plan (SIP) elements that will be submitted to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The Vermont AQCD is proposing revisions to the Vermont SIP for Regional Haze to address federal requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA) Section 169B and ensure that revisions to Vermont's Regional Haze program for the Second Implementation Period are fully incorporated into Vermont's SIP. Vermont is required by the Environmental Protection Agency to identify for each Federal Class I area within the state (Lye Brook Wilderness Area) the baseline, current and natural visibility conditions, develop a long range strategy to reduce haze in that area (and also Federal Class I areas outside the state that are affected by emissions originating in Vermont), determine reasonable progress goals for improving visibility, and develop a progress report.

The proposed SIP is available on the AQCD's website at <https://dec.vermont.gov/air-quality/planning/sip>, on Vermont DEC's Environmental Notice Bulletin at enb.vermont.gov, and at the AQCD offices located in the Davis Building, Fourth Floor, 1 National Life Drive, Montpelier, VT. You may also request a copy of the proposed SIP using the contact information listed below.

A hearing will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in the Catamount Room at the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources at 1 National Life Drive, Davis Building, 2nd Floor, Montpelier, VT. Attendance at the hearing is not necessary to submit written comments on the proposed SIP. Written comments on the proposed SIP must be received by the AQCD by 5:00pm EST on May 24, 2024.

All written comments must be mailed or emailed to:

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If you speak a non-English language, we offer free language assistance services. Please reach out to ANR at 802-636-7827 for more information.