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David Conroy, Chief
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Re: Submittal of Vermont State Implementation Plan, Regional Haze Five-Year Progress Report

Dear Mr. Conroy:

The State of Vermont is submitting a five-year progress report for the Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP) in accordance with 40 CFR 51.308(g). The enclosed report demonstrates the emissions declines and visibility improvements made due to implementation of control strategies in the SIP. In this report, Vermont submits a negative declaration to EPA specifying that its Regional Haze SIP is sufficient in meeting the requirements outlined in EPA's Regional Haze Rule and that further revision of the existing SIP is not necessary at this time.

The enclosed documents include a full copy of the Vermont Regional Haze SIP Five-Year Progress Report, and a disk containing supporting data, Appendix F: Status of Emissions from 167 Key Stacks. The disk also contains an electronic copy of the five-year progress report, in searchable PDF format, which is an exact duplicate of the enclosed hard copy. Federal Land Manager Consultation and Public Comments can be found in Appendix G of the report. Supporting documentation pursuant to 40 CFR §51.102 and 103 are found in Appendices H-K. These documents are also available on the Air Quality and Climate Division's website at: <http://www.anr.state.vt.us/air/Planning/htm/StateImplementationPlan.htm>.

If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Hales at 802-828-1288 or heidi.hales@vermont.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Alyssa Schuren". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Alyssa Schuren
Commissioner, Department of Environmental Conservation

Enclosures:

- 1) Revision to the Vermont State Implementation Plan, Regional Haze Five-Year Progress Report
- 2) Appendix F: Status of Emissions from 167 Key Stacks (MS Excel file on enclosed disk)

CC: (via email)

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