





### 5-Year Regional Haze Progress Report Public Hearing

“Today is February 2, 2015, and we are here in the Commission Room of the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission at the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality for a public hearing on the SIP.

We are making SIP revisions in order to fulfill one of Arkansas’s responsibilities under the Clean Air Act and Regional Haze Rule. Arkansas’s original Regional Haze SIP revision was submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in September 2008 and addressed visibility impairment in the State’s Class I Federal areas - Upper Buffalo and Caney Creek Wilderness areas. The proposed SIP is intended to address the requirements of 40 Code of Federal Register (C.F.R.) Section 51.308(g) requiring periodic reports evaluating progress towards the Reasonable Progress Goals established for mandatory Class I areas where visibility may be impacted by Arkansas sources.

This proposed SIP submittal is meant to demonstrate the actions ADEQ has taken to fulfill the requirements under 40 C.F.R. Section 51.308(g) for periodic progress reports. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. Section 51.308(h)(1), the State is submitting a negative declaration that further revision of the existing implementation plan is not needed at this time. However, ADEQ is cognizant of its obligation and the associated timeframe to address the disapproved components of the 2008 Arkansas Regional Haze SIP submittal.

At this time, we will accept comments from the audience. Is there anyone who wishes to comment from the audience? [No response from those present]

Seeing no one wishing to comment, we will close the hearing and we remind everyone that the comment period will remain open until 4:30 p.m., on February 17, 2015. Thank you very much for your attendance.” —