

STATE OF ARKANSAS
ASA HUTCHINSON
GOVERNOR

June 2, 2015

Mr. Ron Curry
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VI
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202-2733

Dear Regional Administrator Curry:

In accordance with the provisions of 40 C.F.R. § 51.308, this letter and enclosures constitute the submittal of the Arkansas State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Regional Haze five-year review. The enclosed documents are intended to address the requirements of 40 C.F.R. § 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.

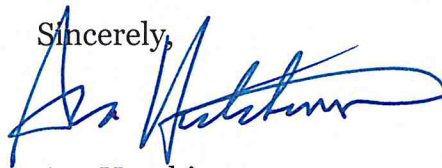
The Arkansas Regional Haze SIP was submitted on July 29, 2008. The enclosed SIP submittal addresses actions the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) has taken to fulfill the requirements under 40 C.F.R. § 51.308(g) for periodic progress reports. In accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 51.308(h)(1), 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.

The Regional Haze five-year review SIP was provided to Federal Land Managers on April 21, 2014. The notice of public hearing and comment period was published in a statewide newspaper on January 2, 2015 and a link to the SIP submittal was posted on the ADEQ website with details regarding the public comment period on January 2,

2015. A public hearing was held on February 2, 2015, at the ADEQ headquarters in North Little Rock, Arkansas. The public comment period ended on February 17, 2015. Responses to public comments are contained in Appendix F: Compilation of Public Comments and Response to Comments within the enclosed SIP submittal.

Arkansas respectfully requests timely review and approval of the enclosed documents as an element of the official Regional Haze program for the State. If you have any questions regarding information contained herein, please contact Stuart Spencer, Legal Policy Advisor, ADEQ, by electronic mail at spencer@adeq.state.ar.us, or by phone at 501-682-6347.

Sincerely,



Asa Hutchinson

Enclosure: Arkansas State Implementation Plan for the Regional Haze Five-Year Review