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Via Electronic Mail and State Planning Electronic Collaboration System (SPECS)

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Ms. Jeaneanne Gettle
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U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Region 4
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Re: Florida Regional Haze Plan Progress Report for the Second Implementation Period

Dear Ms. Gettle:

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 40 CFR 51.308(g), the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is submitting for review a final Regional Haze Progress Report for the Second Implementation Period (Progress Report) under EPA's Regional Haze Rule (RHR). This final Progress Report addresses commitments and enforceable actions under Florida's Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period.

In Florida's Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP) (submitted to EPA on October 8, 2021, and supplemented on June 14, 2024, and October 28, 2024), the Department set forth a long-term strategy to attain reasonable progress goals (RPGs) for visibility impairing pollutants in Florida's Class I areas, which include the Chassahowitzka National Wilderness Area, the Everglades National Park, and the St. Marks National Wilderness Area. Florida's Progress Report is intended to address the requirements of 40 CFR 51.308(g), which requires that states develop and submit to EPA periodic reports evaluating the state's progress goals toward the RPGs applicable to Class I areas within their jurisdictions. In this Progress Report, the Department affirms that the combined elements of Florida's approved regional haze SIP for the first planning period (78 FR 53250) and pending regional haze SIP for the second planning period are adequate for making reasonable progress towards the RHR goal of achieving natural visibility conditions at Class I areas by 2064.

Per revisions made to the RHR in 2017 (82 FR 3078), this Progress Report is not being submitted as a formal SIP revision. The Progress Report was made available to Federal Land Managers (FLMs) for review and comment as well as posted on the Departmental website. No comments were received.

Ms. Jeaneanne Gettle

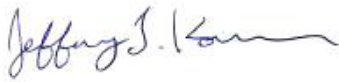
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The submittal of this Progress Report completes the state plan development process for Florida's Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period for Florida Class I Areas. The Department appreciates the valuable input that EPA Region 4 staff have provided throughout this process.

If you have any questions, please contact Hastings Read at (850) 717-9017 or by email at Hastings.Read@FloridaDEP.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeffery F. Koerner".

Jeffery F. Koerner, Director
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Progress Report for the Second Regional Haze Implementation Period