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Re: Florida Pre-Hearing SIP Submittal: Regional Haze Plan for the Second
Implementation Period

Dear Mr. Blevins:

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 40 CFR 51.102, the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is accepting comments and will hold a public hearing, if requested, on Florida's Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the second implementation period of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Regional Haze Rule (RHR). The Department published the public notice in the Florida Administrative Register (FAR) on June 9, 2021. The comment period for the proposed SIP revision will close on July 9, 2021, and the public hearing, if requested, will be held on July 15, 2021.

The proposed SIP revision represents commitments and enforceable actions taken by the Department to address the requirements of the RHR during the second implementation period from 2019 to 2028, towards the goal of attaining natural visibility conditions in Florida's designated federal Class I areas and those federal Class I areas in other states that may be affected by emissions from Florida. Pursuant to 40 CFR 51.308(f), Florida's regional haze plan includes the following elements:

- Calculations of baseline, current, and natural visibility conditions; progress to date; and the uniform rate of progress for each Class I area;
- Documentation of the technical analysis on which Florida is relying to determine reasonable progress, including modeling, emissions, and data analysis;
- Source-specific reasonable progress four-factor analyses and documentation of the source selection process;
- Long-term strategy for regional haze resulting from the reasonable progress analyses;

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- Reasonable progress goals;
- A progress report addressing the requirements of 40 CFR 51.308(g)(1) through (5);
- Monitoring strategy and other implementation plan requirements; and
- Documentation of consultation with other states, EPA, and Federal Land Managers (FLMs).

These required elements are contained in the documents labeled “*Pre-Hearing Florida Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period*” and Appendices A through H. Appendices A through E include technical support materials and documentation used in developing the regional haze plan. Appendix F includes the documentation of the interagency consultation process. Appendix G includes documentation of the source-specific reasonable progress analyses conducted. Appendix H includes comments from the Federal Land Managers (FLMs) received during the 60-day FLM consultation period. The full Table of Appendices, which includes descriptions and file names for each appendix and sub-appendix and indicates which are Florida-specific and which are VISTAS-wide, is available in the “*Pre-Hearing Florida Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period*” document. The Florida-specific appendices are:

- Appendix F-1: Florida Consultation Letters to Other VISTAS States
- Appendix F-4: Florida Consultation with MANE-VU
- Appendix G-1: FL DEP Letters to Selected Facilities
- Appendix G-2: Responses Received from Selected Facilities
- Appendix G-3: Facility Permits and Documentation
- Appendix G-4: Florida Certified Smoke Management Plan
- Appendix H: Federal Land Manager Comment Summary

The Florida-specific appendices are available on the Department’s [Regional Haze website](#). All others are VISTAS-wide appendices available on the [VISTAS SharePoint site](#).

All documents, except for Appendices G-3 and G-4, are submitted for adoption into the nonregulatory portion of the SIP in 40 CFR 52.520, table (e). Appendix G-4, Florida’s Smoke Management Plan, is included for reference only, and should not be adopted into Florida’s SIP.

Appendix G-3 includes, for reference, the full air construction permits issued to six Florida facilities to meet reasonable progress requirements. The document “Pre-Hearing 2021-01 - Regional Haze SIP” contains administrative items related to the SIP development process, including source-specific requirements to be incorporated into and removed from Florida’s SIP. Through this SIP revision, the Department is proposing to incorporate into the regulatory portion of Florida’s SIP at 40 CFR 52.520, table (d), certain source-specific SO₂ emission limits and permit conditions resulting from the reasonable progress analyses. Details of specific permit conditions proposed to be incorporated into the regulatory portion of the SIP can be found in the Pre-Hearing SIP Submittal.

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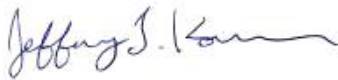
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The Department is also requesting that source-specific reasonable progress and best available retrofit technology (BART) limits from the first implementation period for specific units be removed from the SIP. These source-specific emission limits are applicable to units that have all permanently shutdown; therefore, removal of these limits from the SIP will not interfere with attainment of the national ambient air quality standards, visibility, or any other Clean Air Act requirement. Details of specific permit conditions proposed to be removed from the regulatory portion of the SIP can found in the Pre-Hearing SIP Submittal.

Attached please find the Pre-Hearing SIP Submittal and “*Pre-Hearing Florida Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period*” documents. These two documents as well as all of the Florida-specific appendices are available on the Department’s [Regional Haze website](#). All of the VISTAS-wide appendices are available on the public [VISTAS SharePoint site](#). The Department’s website includes a link to the VISTAS SharePoint site for public accessibility.

The Department requests that all comments on the Pre-Hearing SIP submittal be provided to the Department by July 9, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Kung at (850) 717-9041 or by email at Ashley.Kung@floridadep.gov.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure:

Pre-Hearing SIP 2021-01 - Regional Haze SIP; and
Pre-Hearing Florida Regional Haze Plan for the Second Implementation Period