

**STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES  
AIR RESOURCES DIVISION  
CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with New Hampshire Administrative Rule, Env-A 204.01(b) and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 51.102, notice is hereby given that the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Air Resources Division (the Department) has prepared, and intends to submit to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, a revision to New Hampshire's State Implementation Plan (SIP) to meet the requirements of the federal Clean Air Act, section 169A, pertaining to visibility protection for Federal Class I Areas.

The federal requirements that New Hampshire and other states must meet are contained in Title 40: Protection of Environment, Part 51 – Requirements for Preparation, Adoption, and Submittal of Implementation Plans, Subpart P – Protection of Visibility (40 CFR 51.300-309). These regulations, often referred to as the Regional Haze Rule, seek to address the combined visibility impacts at Federal Class I Areas caused by various air pollution sources over a large geographic region.

New Hampshire's SIP revision provides a plan consistent with the national goal of restoring natural visibility conditions to Federal Class I Areas by 2064. Components of the plan include an assessment of baseline and natural visibility conditions, an air monitoring strategy, analyses for Best Available Retrofit Technology, a set of reasonable progress visibility goals, and a long-term strategy for achieving those goals.

The Department hereby solicits comment on this SIP revision and offers the public the opportunity to request a public hearing on this SIP revision. Comments or requests for a public hearing must be submitted *in writing* or *by email* to Charles Martone, Air Resources Division, NH Department of Environmental Services, P.O. Box 95, Concord, NH 03302-0095; email Charles.Martone@des.nh.gov.

A public hearing has been tentatively scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, June 24, 2009, in Room 110-111 at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH 03301. If no request for a public hearing is received by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, June 22, 2009, the Director will cancel the hearing by posting a notice on the Department's website at <http://www.des.nh.gov> (search for "Regional Haze"). Members of the public may call 603-271-1370 to find out whether the hearing has been cancelled.

All comments on the proposed SIP revision must be received by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, June 26, 2009, to be entered into the record.

A copy of the SIP revision, with attachments, is available for public inspection at the Department's offices at 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, NH, during regular working hours from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. The main text of the SIP revision, without attachments, may be downloaded from the Department's website at <http://des.nh.gov>, as above.

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