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January 19, 2024

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

Dear Ms. Gettle:

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 a proposed supplement to Florida's October 8, 2021 Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the second implementation period under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Regional Haze Rule. On January 19, 2024, the Department published in the Florida Administrative Register a public notice of hearing for consideration of this proposed SIP revision. The comment period for this proposed SIP revision will close on February 19, 2024, and the public hearing, if requested, will be held on February 27, 2024.

This proposed supplement to Florida's pending Regional Haze SIP represents commitments and enforceable actions taken by the Department to address the requirements of the Regional Haze Rule during the second implementation period (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:

- 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;
- Monitoring strategy and other implementation plan requirements; and
- Documentation of consultation with other states, EPA, and Federal Land Managers (FLMs).

Most of these required elements are contained in Florida's 2021 Regional Haze Plan submission. This supplemental SIP includes elements that Florida committed to completing in its 2021 Regional Haze Plan submission, including several four-factor analyses for specific facilities, together with the resulting permit conditions. This supplemental SIP proposal also includes miscellaneous items in response to comments received during the public comment period for the 2021 Regional Haze Plan submission.

For EPA review, please find two pre-hearing submittals: Florida's proposed revision to Florida's Regional Haze Plan, titled "*Supplement to Florida Regional Haze Plan for Second Implementation Period for Florida Class I Areas*," which details the process that Florida undertook to evaluate specific facilities and emissions units consistent with EPA's Regional Haze Rule; and Florida's proposed SIP revision titled "*Supplement to Florida Regional Haze Plan*," which details the elements of facility-specific permits that Florida is proposing to incorporate into Florida's SIP.

In support of these two proposed supplements, the Department has also prepared two Appendices:

- Appendix A: Facility Permits and Documentation
- Appendix B: Four Factor Analyses and Documentation

These two documents and the Appendices are also available on the Department's [Regional Haze website](#).

All documents are submitted for adoption into the nonregulatory portion of the SIP in 40 CFR 52.520, Table (e).

In addition, Appendix A includes air construction permits issued to six Florida facilities to meet reasonable progress requirements. The document titled "*Supplement to Florida Regional Haze Plan*" contains administrative items related to the SIP development process, including source-specific requirements to be incorporated into 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 SO<sub>2</sub> emission limits and permit conditions resulting from the reasonable progress analyses.


Florida requests that all comments on these submittals be provided to the Department by February 19, 2024. If you have any questions, please contact Hastings Read at (850) 717-9017 or by email at [Hastings.Read@FloridaDEP.gov](mailto:Hastings.Read@FloridaDEP.gov).

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeffery F. Koerner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jeffery F. Koerner, Director  
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Enclosures:

Pre-Hearing SIP 2024-01 – Supplement to Florida Regional Haze Plan

Supplement to Florida Regional Haze Plan for Second Implementation Period for Florida  
Class I Areas

Appendices A & B