

Public Notice
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Please take note that the Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality (“Commission”) is providing draft information for comment regarding Mississippi’s Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Federal Class I Areas that may be affected by emissions from within the State of Mississippi as required by 40 CFR 51.308. This SIP revises the previous SIP that was initially adopted by the Commission on August 28, 2008 and revised on May 9, 2011. This revision of the SIP addresses Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) provisions of the Regional Haze Rule for seven electric generating units in Mississippi.

Pending the approval of the SIP, the Commission is also requesting that the EPA change its disapprovals of the visibility transport portions (i.e., prong 4) of revisions to Mississippi’s infrastructure SIPs addressing the Clean Air Act requirements for the 2008 8-hour ozone, 2010 1-hour nitrogen dioxide (NO₂), 2010 1-hour sulfur dioxide (SO₂), and 2012 annual fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) to approvals. In the past, EPA disapproved the prong 4 portions of Mississippi’s May 29, 2012, 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS infrastructure SIP submission; July 26, 2012, 2008 8-hour ozone NAAQS infrastructure SIP resubmission; February 28, 2013, 2010 1-hour NO₂ NAAQS infrastructure SIP submission; June 20, 2013, 2010 1-hour SO₂ NAAQS infrastructure SIP submission; and December 8, 2015, 2012 annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS infrastructure SIP submission.

Additional details about the SIP are available by contacting Elliott Bickerstaff at 601-961-5176. A copy of the draft SIP may be found on the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality’s website at <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/air/>.

Persons wishing to comment on this action are invited to submit comments in writing to Elliott Bickerstaff at the Commission’s address shown above, no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 23, 2020. All comments received by this date will be considered in preparation of the final submission of the SIP to EPA. A public hearing may be held if the Commission finds a significant degree of public interest in the draft SIP.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you know will be interested.