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RE: Georgia - Prehearing Notice for SIP Submittal and 110(l) Noninterference Demonstration for the Relaxation of Summertime Reid Vapor Pressure Requirements in the Former 13-County Atlanta Designated Volatility Nonattainment Area

Dear Mr. Davis:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is proposing a revision to Georgia's State Implementation Plan (SIP) to include a demonstration, consistent with §110(l) of the Clean Air Act (CAA), to relax the federal summertime Reid Vapor Pressure (RVP) gasoline requirement in the Federal gasoline volatility rule at 40 CFR 80.27(a)(2) as it pertains to Georgia. The proposed revision will be the subject of a public hearing on July 30, 2018, with the public comment period ending August 6, 2018.

The proposed State Implementation Plan revision contains Georgia's request to relax the RVP requirements in the 13-county designated volatility area from 7.8 pounds per square inch (psi) to 9.0 psi to match the RVP requirements that apply to the rest of Georgia year-round. As part of this request, GA EPD is submitting a revised 2008 8-hour ozone maintenance plan with supporting 110(l) demonstration. As a part of this SIP revision, the 2008 8-hour ozone maintenance plan has been revised with an updated emission inventory for the on-road and non-road sectors, and updated motor vehicle emission budgets (MVEB) and safety margins. The 110(l) demonstration secures reproducible, enforceable, surplus, quantifiable, and permanent offsets so that the relaxation of RVP from 7.8 to 9.0 psi will not interfere with continued maintenance of the 1997 and 2008 8-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS), attainment of the 2015 8-hour ozone NAAQS, attainment of any other NAAQS, or any other CAA requirement as prescribed in section 110(l) of the CAA. This submission is the proposed demonstration for EPA's review and comment during the public comment period. The final demonstration will be submitted after consideration of any public comments.


The prehearing submittal is being submitted via EPA's State Planning Electronic Collaboration System (SPeCS). This submittal includes the public notice and the SIP in its entirety with the exception of Appendix A. Appendix A includes the "2008 8-Hour Ozone Standard Planning Assumptions & MOVES Modeling Inputs" and is too large to upload into the SPeCS. Instead,

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Appendix A will be delivered in CD form by U.S. Postal Service. Paper copies of these large data files are not provided in order to relieve unnecessary paper burden.

Should you have any comments on this proposed SIP revision demonstration, please submit them to us within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Hays".

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Enclosures