DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DIVISION

<u>NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROPOSED AMENDMENTS</u> <u>TO GEORGIA'S STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN</u>

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Environmental Protection Division (hereinafter, "EPD") of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources proposes amendments to Georgia's State Implementation Plan (SIP). The proposed revision is described below:

The proposed SIP revision includes Georgia's plan, consistent with sections 169A and 169B of the Clean Air Act (CAA) and the subsequent implementing regulations contained in 40 CFR 51.308, to address regional haze. The SIP revision represents commitments and actions taken by Georgia EPD to address the requirements of these regulations during the second implementation period, which includes the years 2019 to 2028, towards the goal of attaining natural visibility conditions in designated Class I areas. Georgia has three Class I areas within its borders: Cohutta Wilderness Area, Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, and Wolf Island National Wildlife Refuge.

Georgia EPD provided the Federal Land Managers (FLMs) from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and U.S. Forest Service the opportunity for consultation as required by 40 CFR 51.308(i)(2). Per Section 169(A)(d) of the of the CAA, the comments received from the FLMs during consultation can be found in Appendix H of the proposed SIP revision.

This notice is being provided to all persons who have requested in writing that they be placed on a notification list. The proposed SIP revision may be viewed at <u>https://epd.georgia.gov/regional-haze-sip-second-implementation-period-0</u> or by appointment only during the COVID-19 pandemic at the Georgia Environmental Protection Division, Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 104, Atlanta, Georgia 30354. To set an appointment, email <u>askepd@dnr.ga.gov</u> with your name, email and phone number and an associate will reach out to you. Copies may also be requested by contacting Steve Allison, <u>Steve.Allison2@dnr.ga.gov</u>.

To provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed SIP revision, a public hearing will be held at 2:00 p.m. on July 25, 2022. EPD will be hosting this public hearing via Zoom. Zoom is a free web conferencing platform that also allows participation by phone.

To log into the public hearing on your computer, please click this link or copy and paste it into your browser to join the meeting: https://gaepd.zoom.us/j/95387319578?pwd=SGdGZDFOOG9FNlhPMjNJWEVWU29Fdz09

To ensure that you are ready to participate when the meeting begins, we recommend that you

download Zoom in advance. Zoom can be found here: https://zoom.us

To dial in by phone, please call this number: 888-788-0099 (Toll free). When prompted, enter the Meeting ID and/or Passcode shown below.

The meeting ID is 953 8731 9578 Passcode: 790168

Please note that if you choose to participate by phone, your phone number may be visible to other meeting attendees.

During the hearing, anyone may present data, make a statement, comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument either orally or in writing. Oral statements should be concise. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted in writing for the official record.

Written comments are welcomed. To ensure their inclusion in EPD's final submission of the SIP revision to EPA, written comments should be received by close of business on July 26, 2022. Written comments may be emailed to <u>EPDComments@dnr.state.ga.us</u> or sent via regular mail addressed to: Branch Chief, Air Protection Branch, 4244 International Parkway, Suite 120, Atlanta, Georgia, 30354.

The proposed SIP revision is proposed pursuant to authority contained in the Georgia Air Quality Act (O.C.G.A. Section 12-9-1 et. seq.). For further information, contact Steve Allison, 470-938-3360.