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Mr. Daniel Blackman
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RE: Georgia's Regional Haze State Implementation Plan for the Second Planning Period

Dear Mr. Blackman:

With this letter, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is submitting for approval and incorporation a proposed revision to Georgia's State Implementation Plan (SIP). This revision includes Georgia's plan, consistent with sections 169A and 169B of the Clean Air Act 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.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 51.308(f), Georgia's regional haze plan includes the following elements:

- Calculations of baseline, current, and natural visibility conditions; progress to date; and the uniform rate of progress for each Class I area;
- Documentation of the technical analysis on which Georgia EPD is relying to determine reasonable progress, including modeling, emissions, and data analysis;
- 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;
- Reasonable progress goals;
- A progress report addressing the requirements of 40 CFR 51.308(g)(1) through (5);
- Monitoring strategy and other implementation plan requirements; and
- Documentation of consultation with other states, EPA, and Federal Land Managers (FLMs).

The SIP narrative includes proposed permit conditions for certain emissions units at Georgia Power – Plant Bowen, International Paper – Savannah Mill, and Brunswick Cellulose. The final

permits will be submitted as a supplemental SIP revision after the final regional haze SIP is submitted to EPA. See Appendix G-1d for Plant Bowen's current complete Title V permit (included for reference only). See Appendix G-3e for Brunswick Cellulose's current Title V permit conditions for No. 5 Recovery Furnace and No. 6 Recovery Furnace (included for reference only).

On April 22, 2022, Georgia EPD submitted the draft plan to Federal Land Managers (FLMs) from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and U.S. Forest Service. Comments from the U.S. Forest Service and National Park Service were received on June 21 and June 22. These comments were made available to the public as part of the prehearing submittal. The location of the FLM comments was included in the public notice. FLM comments and EPD's responses are included in Appendix H of the Regional Haze SIP.

The public notice for this revision to Georgia's SIP was published via GovDelivery.com on June 24, 2022. A public hearing for the proposed revision was held on July 25, 2022. The public comment period ended on July 26, 2022. Written comments were received from EPA on July 25, 2022. EPA's comments and EPD's responses are included in Appendix H of the Regional Haze SIP. Public comments and EPD's responses can be found in Appendix H of the Regional Haze SIP. A certification that the required public notice was provided and that a public hearing was held is enclosed.

As required by the federal SIP-processing regulations, we have enclosed the administrative materials and technical support checklists to satisfy the SIP submittal completeness criteria requirements. This revision is being submitted via EPA's State Planning Electronic Collaboration System (SPeCS) with the exception of the Appendices due to size limitations in SPeCS. Instead, the Appendices 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.

We look forward to your review and approval of this revision. Should you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact Steve Allison at Steve.Allison2@dnr.ga.gov or 470-938-3360.

Sincerely,



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