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Mr. A. Stanley Meiburg
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Re: Georgia's Regional Haze Periodic Progress Report

Dear Mr. Meiburg:

With this letter, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) is submitting for approval and incorporation into Georgia's State Implementation Plan (SIP) a revision that meets the requirements of the Clean Air Act Section 169A and 40 Code of Federal Regulations 51.308 for Regional Haze, including Best Available Retrofit Technology and Reasonable Progress in Georgia's Class I areas through 2018. The specific revision is Georgia's periodic progress report for visibility improvement, which is required under subparagraph 40 CFR 51.308(g) of the regional haze rule.

Georgia's initial SIP for Regional Haze, submitted to EPA in 2010, established 2018 reasonable progress goals for visibility in Georgia's Class I areas. The enclosed progress report addresses the progress made toward the 2018 reasonable progress goals. The report addresses Georgia's three Class I areas but also discusses control of emissions sources located in Georgia that are believed to impact visibility in Class I areas in neighboring states.

Based on the evidence presented in the progress report, Georgia EPD has determined that its current strategy is sufficient to achieve the 2018 reasonable progress goals and that further revision of the existing implementation plan is not needed at this time. Communication of this determination to EPA by way of this letter satisfies the requirement of 40 CFR 51.308(h) for a negative declaration.


The public notice of the proposed plan was posted on Georgia EPD's Air Protection Branch web page (<http://www.georgiaair.org>) on September 16, 2013. The proposed plan was the subject of a public hearing held on October 31, 2013. EPD's responses to comments received from federal land managers and from the public are included as appendices to the report.

As required by the federal SIP-processing regulations, we have enclosed a certification that the required public notice was provided, that a public hearing was held, and that comments were received and considered on these proposed amendments. We have also enclosed the administrative materials and technical support to satisfy the SIP submittal completeness criteria checklist. This submittal includes one paper copy of the plan and supporting files and one electronic copy (on disk). The electronic version is an exact duplicate of the paper copy.

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We look forward to your review and approval of this SIP revision. Should you or your staff have any questions, please feel free to contact Jimmy Johnston at 404-363-7014.

Sincerely,



Judson H. Turner
Director

c: Scott Davis (with enclosures), EPA Region 4
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Enclosures: Administrative and technical checklist
Comment response memo to EPD Director
Responses to comments (FLM and public)
Notice of public hearing
Certificate of public hearing
SIP narrative
SIP appendices