Regional Haze SIP: Extension of Comment Period

Neuschler, Catherine to: Neuschler, Catherine 08/03/2009 04:03 PM

Hello All -
Minnesota's Revised Draft Regional Haze SIP is currently on public notice at http://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/regionalhaze.html.

The time to submit comments on the Regional Haze SIP will be extended until September 3, 2009. Notice of the extension will be published in the State Register on August 10.

Please submit any comments on the Regional Haze SIP by 4:30 pm on Thursday, September 3. Thank you.

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Minnesota SIP Comments

Neuschler, Catherine to: Matthew Rau 08/21/2009 08:12 AM

History: This message has been replied to.

Hi Matt -
I just wanted to check in and see if you had any preliminary comments about the Regional Haze SIP, or any thoughts on changes we need to make prior to submittal in order for the plan to be approvable. If you have some specific thoughts, maybe we can set up a call to discuss them.

~Catherine

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RE: Minnesota SIP Comments
Neuschler, Catherine to: Matthew Rau 08/27/2009 11:58 AM

I think we will meet in John's office, so plan to call us at 651-757-2714. I'll let you know if that changes.

~Catherine

-----Original Message-----
From: Rau.Matthew@epamail.epa.gov [mailto:Rau.Matthew@epamail.epa.gov]
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2009 11:30 AM
To: Neuschler, Catherine
Subject: RE: Minnesota SIP Comments

Catherine,

It appears that next Tuesday at 10:00 AM works for everyone here. I will set up a call for that time. Please invite any of your colleagues that would be appropriate. If you know which phone number we should call, please let me know. Otherwise, we set that on Tuesday morning just before the call.

-- Matt

From: "Neuschler, Catherine" <Catherine.Neuschler@state.mn.us>

To: Matthew Rau/R5/USEPA/US@EPA

Date: 08/27/2009 10:49 AM

Subject: RE: Minnesota SIP Comments

Matt -
I would like to set up a call. We have read the Oregon example, and I think we remain concerned that re-doing our BART to match that (33-page) example would be excessive.

I think what we're looking for is some answers of what is required to be document in the SIP - in cases, we have a full BART analysis that lays out the process on our website, but our documentation contains more of a summary.

Minnesota's Regional Haze SIP at MPCA Board

Neuschler, Catherine to: Neuschler, Catherine 09/10/2009 03:58 PM

Dear Regional Haze Stakeholders -
Thanks to all of you who participated in our recent comment period on the Revised Draft Regional Haze SIP. As you know, the comment period closed on September 3. We are reviewing the comments we received. We plan to post the comments received, hopefully sometime next week, on the Regional Haze web page at: http://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/regionalhaze.html.

We also intend to present the Regional Haze SIP to the MPCA Citizens Board. First, on September 22, we will be presenting a very short information item to the Board, to explain to them why we went through the process of revising the SIP, and what changes were made that initiated the recent public notice period. We will not be covering the comments made on the SIP in much, if any, detail at this meeting.

Our intent is to present a full decision item to the MPCA Board at the meeting on October 27. At that time, we will discuss the comments received, and our response to those comments.

I am fairly confident in the September date, but it is possible that the decision item will slip to a later meeting. Please check the Citizen's Board website at http://www.pca.state.mn.us/about/board/, which will contain the agenda for the Board meetings, to determine when the Regional Haze SIP item will come in front of the Board. From this webpage, you can also view a webcast of the meeting.

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Regional Haze SIP at MPCA Citizens ' Board
Neuschler, Catherine to: Neuschler, Catherine 10/20/2009 09:59 AM

Dear Regional Haze Stakeholders -
At the October 27 MPCA Citizens' Board meeting, we will be requesting approval of Minnesota's Regional Haze SIP for submittal to EPA.

If you are interested in attending the meeting, or seeing the materials that have been prepared for the Board meeting, please visit the following website:
http://www.pca.state.mn.us/about/board/bdagenda.html, where you can find all the relevant information. The Board packet should include a copy of the Regional Haze SIP with any changes made in response to comments.

All are welcome to attend the meeting. If you would like to speak, you will need to check in with the Board Administrator when you arrive. In addition, if you plan to make a presentation, please ensure that you bring a copy (either paper or electronic) of any materials so they can be kept for the record.

Thank you.

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RE: Invitation: Sherco Petition
Neuschler, Catherine to: John Summerhays, Matthew Rau 10/26/2009 07:50 AM

John and Matt -

Can you call us at 10 am at 651-757-2714? Thanks!

-Catherine

-----Original Appointment-----
From: John Summerhays/R5/USEPA/US
Sent: Friday, October 23, 2009 10:43 AM
To: John Summerhays/R5/USEPA/US; Catherine.Neuschler@state.mn.us; Rau.Matthew@epamail.epa.gov
Cc: Mooney.John@epamail.epa.gov; Rosenthal.Steven@epamail.epa.gov
Subject: Invitation: Sherco Petition (Oct 26 10:00 AM CDT in R1820/R5 Metcalfe - 18th Floor@EPA)
When: Monday, October 26, 2009 10:00 AM-11:00 AM (GMT-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada).
Where:

Description

I think this time works for folks to talk about the implications of the NPS' certification that Sherco causes visibility impairment. This may also be an opportunity to talk about submittal of enforceable limitations.
<< File: ATT396546.htm >> << File: c114355.ics >>

RAVI and Sherco BART

Neuschler, Catherine to: Matthew Rau, John Summerhays 11/05/2009 11:39 AM

History: This message has been replied to.

Matt and John -
I spoke today to some of the folks from Xcel. They have some questions about how they might be able to provide information to EPA concerning BART at Sherco, particularly if EPA were to choose to make a BART determination under RAVI authority that is different from whatever MPCA ends up submitting.

I am assuming that a RAVI BART determination would have to be publicly noticed, with an opportunity to provide comment. If so, would that be the only appropriate time for Xcel to provide input, or do you think that in the process of making a determination or reviewing our determination, there may be an opportunity for EPA, MPCA, and Xcel to discuss the circumstances at Sherco?

~Catherine

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Minnesota Regional Haze Update

Neuschler, Catherine (MPCA) to: Matthew Rau, John Summerhays 12/15/2009 01:14 PM

Cc: Kathleen Dagostino

From: "Neuschler, Catherine (MPCA)" <Catherine.Neuschler@state.mn.us>
To: Matthew Rau/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, John Summerhays/R5/USEPA/US@EPA,
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Re: Minnesota Regional Haze Update
Matthew Rau to: Neuschler, Catherine (MPCA) 12/15/2009 02:30 PM
Cc: John Summerhays, Kathleen Dagostino

Catherine,

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"Neuschler, Catherine (MPCA)" Matt, John, and Kathleen - Our Bo... 12/15/2009 01:14:15 PM

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To:	Matthew Rau/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, John Summerhays/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc:	Kathleen Dagostino/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
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Re: Minnesota Regional Haze Update

John Summerhays to: Matthew Rau 12/15/2009 02:48 PM

Cc: "Neuschler, Catherine (MPCA)", Kathleen Dagostino, Todd Hawes, Steven Rosenthal, John Mooney

Catherine, I just wanted to add, "Congratulations. You're number one, you're number one (at least in our region)!"

Matthew Rau	Catherine, Thanks for the update. The submissi...	12/15/2009 02:30:52 PM

From: Matthew Rau/R5/USEPA/US
To: "Neuschler, Catherine (MPCA)" <Catherine.Neuschler@state.mn.us>
Cc: John Summerhays/R5/USEPA/US@EPA, Kathleen Dagostino/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
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Re: Minnesota Regional Haze Update

John Summerhays to: Matthew Rau 12/15/2009 02:55 PM
Cc: Douglas Aburano

From: John Summerhays/R5/USEPA/US
To: Matthew Rau/R5/USEPA/US@EPA,
Cc: Douglas Aburano/R5/USEPA/US@EPA

Follow Up: Normal Priority. Follow up on 12/17/2009 at 09:15 AM.

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Fw: Minnesota Regional Haze Hot Issue
John Summerhays to: PEGGY SCHWEBKE 12/17/2009 11:12 AM
Cc: Jay Bortzer, Steven Rosenthal, John Mooney, Matthew Rau

Please include this Hot issue. Let me know if you want us to do any reformatting. Thanks.
----- Forwarded by John Summerhays/R5/USEPA/US on 12/17/2009 11:02 AM -----

From:	Matthew Rau/R5/USEPA/US
To:	John Summerhays/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Date:	12/17/2009 10:25 AM
Subject:	Re: Minnesota Regional Haze Hot Issue

John,

My draft Hot Issue follows.

Hot Issue: Minnesota Regional Haze Plan Submission

Minnesota's Citizen Board approved the State's regional haze State Implementation Plan (SIP) on December 15, 2009. This was the final step in Minnesota preparing a complete regional haze plan. Minnesota expects to submit the plan in January 2010. That will make Minnesota the first state in Region 5 to submit its plan. We cannot yet judge whether the plan will be approvable, since the Federal Land Managers have expressed concern about the determination of Best Available Retrofit Technology for one of the power plants. We plan to work with the state as necessary to resolve this issue even after the regional haze plan is submitted.

Thanks,
Matt

John Summerhays	Please do a hot issue on this. You probably onl...	12/15/2009 02:55:36 PM

From:	John Summerhays/R5/USEPA/US
To:	Matthew Rau/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Cc:	Douglas Aburano/R5/USEPA/US@EPA
Date:	12/15/2009 02:55 PM
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