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Norm Wagoner, Forest Supervisor
U.S. Forest Service
Ouachita: Caney Creek Wilderness Area
P.O. Box 1270
Hot Springs, AR 71902

RE: Arkansas Regional Haze State Implementation Plan

Dear Forest Supervisor Wagoner:

This letter serves to notify you that ADEQ has prepared a revision to the Arkansas Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP) to address certain disapproved portions of the SIP. This SIP revision is intended to replace nitrogen oxides emission limits for electric generating units contained in the federal implementation plan (FIP) promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Other disapproved portions of the SIP will be addressed in a separate submission.

This notification is intended to provide your agency with an opportunity for a sixty-day consultation period on this SIP revision in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 51.308(i). This consultation will give you the opportunity to discuss—by conference call, in person, and/or in writing— your assessment of the impact of the proposed revisions on Class I areas impacted by Arkansas sources. Although, the State is required to provide the opportunity for consultation no less than sixty days prior to a public hearing, federal land managers can agree to a shorter period. Due to the abbreviated nature of this SIP and impending deadlines for nitrogen oxides controls under EPA's FIP that this SIP seeks to supplant, we request a truncated consultation period of forty days.

Notice of the public hearing and public comment period will be published in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette and posted to the ADEQ Regional Haze webpage (https://www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/planning/sip/regional-haze.aspx) providing, at minimum, a thirty-day public comment period.

A pre-proposal copy of the SIP revision and the draft notice of public hearing have been included with this letter. Should changes be made to the SIP revision prior to proposal, we will send an updated draft. We expect that any such changes would not impact the control strategy included in the SIP and the resulting visibility improvements expected at Class I areas.

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Written comments should be mailed to Tricia Treece, Office of Air Quality, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, 5301 Northshore Drive, North Little Rock, AR 72118. Electronic comments should be sent to: treecep@adeq.state.ar.us.

Should you have any questions, please contact Will Montgomery at 501-692-0885 (montgomery@adeq.state.ar.us) or Tricia Treece at 501-682-0055 (treecep@adeq.state.ar.us).

Sincerely,

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