

Chapter 2: General Planning Provisions

2.1 Plan Submission

Pursuant to the requirements of §51.308(a) and (b), Louisiana submits this SIP as adopted to meet the requirements of EPA's Regional Haze rules to comply with requirements set forth in the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990. Elements of this SIP address the core requirements pursuant to §51.308 (d) and the Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) components of §50.308(e). In addition, this SIP addresses regional planning, coordination with other States/Tribes and the Federal Land Manager, and contains a commitment to provide future SIP revisions and adequacy determinations. Louisiana has adopted this SIP in accordance with State laws and rules.

Further, this plan fulfills the requirements of Section 110(a)(2)(d)(i)(II) as it contains adequate provisions prohibiting “any source or other type of emission activity within the State from emitting any air pollutant in amounts which will interfere with measures required to be included in applicable implementation plans for this or any other State under part C to ...protect visibility.”

2.2 Legal Authority

The Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, La.R.S.30.2001, et seq., (the Act) grants the secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality specific authority to adopt, amend, or repeal those rules and regulations that are deemed necessary for the protection of the state's environment. Further, the Act provides the secretary with the general power to assure compliance with applicable federal laws and regulations and to assume authority for those delegated programs that exist under the provision of the Clean Air Act Amendments. Furthermore on May 22, 2008, Governor Bobby Jindal appointed Harold Leggett, Ph. D., Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality as his designee to submit documents to the EPA for approval and incorporation into the State Implementation Plan for Louisiana. A copy of this letter is attached to the transmittal letter.

2.3 Public Notice

In accordance with La. R.S. 49:950 et seq., and to comply with §51.285 Public Notification, the department published a notice seeking comment on this proposed SIP

revision on November 20, 2007 in the *Louisiana Register* as well as the official state journal and other major newspapers statewide. A public hearing concerning this proposed SIP was held on January 24, 2008 in the Galvez Building, Oliver Pollock Room C-111 at 602 N. Fifth Street in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Comments, both oral and written, were received into the record and are located in Appendix A of this document. The comment period closed at 4:30 p.m. on January 31, 2008.

2.4 Commitment to Plan Revision

As per the requirement found in 40 CFR 51.308(g), Louisiana commits to submitting an update/revision to this plan on or before July 31, 2018 with a midcourse review to be submitted no later than July 31, 2012.

Consultation between the states and the FLM will continue as the federal regional haze program progresses. The consultation will continue between Louisiana and states located in the VISTAS RPO as well as those in the CENRAP RPO that will have information pertinent to the five-year progress reports and development/review of any SIP revisions deemed necessary. This will also provide for consideration of any other programs that are implemented and have the potential to contribute to the impairment of visibility of Class 1 areas.