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Department of Environmental Quality Office of Environmental Assessment Environmental Planning Division

Solicitation of Comments on Louisiana's Triennial Visibility Protection Report (0011Pot4)

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), Office of Environmental Assessment, Environmental Planning Division, has completed the triennial review of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Visibility Protection of the Breton Wilderness Area, a chain of barrier islands approximately 30 miles off the southeast coast of Louisiana. The Wilderness Area is classified as a Class I Federal Area, and is afforded visibility protection under the Clean Air Act, Part C, Section 169, and 40 CFR Part 51.

The information used in the review included: air emission inventories of sources within 100 km distance of the Class I area; Prevention of Significant Deterioration permit reviews which require an analysis of the impact of Class I areas from proposed projects; and consultation with the Federal Land Manager (FLM), U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife Service, requesting attributable source certifications. Further consultation with the FLM on the proposed draft report is in progress. The results of the consultation will be included in the final report.

Based on the triennial review, the LDEQ has determined that the SIP is adequate for preventing impairment of visibility as required by applicable 40 CFR Part 51 requirements. At this time, no additional measures beyond the current program are necessary.

The proposed (draft) report, "Louisiana's Progress Toward Visibility Protection of the Breton Wilderness Area" is available for public review beginning November 20, 2000, at the LDEQ Headquarters, 7290 Bluebonnet, Fifth Floor, Baton Rouge, LA; and at the LDEQ Southeast Regional Office, 201 Evans Road, Bldg. 4, Suite 420, New Orleans, LA. The final report will be submitted to EPA on December 19, 2000, and will then be available for public review at the same locations listed above.

Comments are due no later than 4:30 p.m. CST on Friday, December 8, 2000, and should be submitted to Ms. Vivian Aucoin, Environmental Planning Division, Box 82178, Baton Rouge, LA 70884-2178 or hand-delivered to 7290 Bluebonnet Boulevard, Fifth Floor, Baton Rouge, LA 70810 or faxed to (225) 765-0617. Questions regarding this announcement may be directed to Ms. Aucoin by telephone at (225) 763-3506.

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