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Department of Environmental Quality

Office of the Secretary Legal Affairs and Criminal Investigations Division

Regional Haze 5 Year Report―State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision

Under the authority of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2051 et seq., the secretary gives notice that the Office of Environmental Assessment, Air Planning Division, will submit to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a revision to the Louisiana State Implementation Plan (SIP) for regional haze, namely the Regional Haze 5 Year Report as required by 40 CFR 51.308 (g) and (h). (2101Pot1)

The regional haze rule requires a comprehensive analysis of each state’s regional haze SIP every 10 years and a progress report every 5 years. This 5-year review is intended to provide a progress report on, and, if necessary, mid-course corrections to, the regional haze SIP. The progress report provides an opportunity for public input on the state’s (and the EPA’s) assessment of whether the approved regional haze SIP is being implemented appropriately and whether reasonable visibility progress is being achieved consistent with the projected visibility improvement in the SIP.

All interested persons may submit written comments concerning the revision no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, February 26, 2021, to Vivian H. Johnson, Office of Environmental Assessment, P. O. Box 4314, Baton Rouge, LA. 70821-4314, or by email at vivian.johnson2@la.gov. A public hearing will be held upon request. The deadline for requesting a public hearing is Friday, February 12, 2021. The revision is available for review via LDEQ’s electronic document management service (EDMS), AI# 174156, or at LDEQ Headquarters, 602 North 5th Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70802.

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