

**CLASS I STATES' RESOLUTION CALLING UPON STATES IN THE MID-ATLANTIC/NORTHEAST VISIBILITY UNION (MANE-VU) TO PURSUE TIMELY UPDATES TO REGIONAL HAZE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLANS**

**November, 2015**

- **WHEREAS** the Clean Air Act and EPA's Regional Haze Rule (40 CFR Part 51.308) requires coordination of States to identify key sources of visibility impairing air pollution to protect visibility at federally protected Class I areas; and
- **WHEREAS** there are seven federal Class I areas located within the MANE-VU region, including:
  - Acadia National Park – Maine
  - Brigantine National Wildlife Refuge – New Jersey
  - Great Gulf Wilderness – New Hampshire
  - Lye Brook Wilderness - Vermont
  - Moosehorn Wilderness – Maine
  - Presidential Range/Dry River Wilderness – New Hampshire
  - Roosevelt Campobello International Park – Maine/Canada; and
- **WHEREAS** updates of state regional haze plans, addressing pollution emissions that impair visibility at federal Class I areas, are due to be submitted to the USEPA beginning on July 1, 2018; and
- **WHEREAS** a program to control pollutants that impair visibility will also assist states in attaining and maintaining the federal National Ambient Air Quality Standards for these pollutants.
- **THEREFORE**, be it resolved, that the States with mandatory Class I federal areas within MANE-VU will implement the regional haze rule to establish a path for achieving reasonable progress toward meeting the next visibility program goals set for mandatory Class I Federal areas; and
- **FURTHERMORE**, the MANE-VU Class I area states call upon MANE-VU and all MANE-VU member states to work together to develop the technical information needed to update the MANE-VU strategy to meet regional haze requirements, including the following:
  1. Develop a timeline of critical milestones enabling the states to submit a regional haze SIP as close to July 1, 2018 as practicable, and
  2. Provide, as available and appropriate, the resources, expertise and services for conducting MANE-VU associated tasks to meet the regional haze rule requirements; and

3. Conduct/participate in regular meetings and conference calls of MANE-VU member agencies (States, USEPA, and federal land managers); and
4. Develop regional multi-pollutant visibility modeling capabilities to meet USEPA requirements for establishing the future year progress goals in MANE-VU's Class I areas, including:
  - a) A modeling domain sufficiently large to represent the majority of emissions of visibility impairing pollutants impacting the MANE-VU Class I areas; and
  - b) Determination of appropriate base year and future projection years for visibility modeling; and
  - c) A full base year meteorology and emission inventory of all key visibility relevant pollutants; and
  - d) Future projection year emission inventories of all key visibility relevant pollutants for two scenarios: (i) already implemented or adopted emission control measures (on the way/on the books), and (ii) application of new reasonable emission measures jointly developed with the MANE-VU states; and
5. Develop a contribution analysis to determine upwind states' impacts on the MANE-VU Class I areas and to include these contributing states in the MANE-VU Class I consultation process of new reasonable measures; and
6. Develop and conduct/participate in a MANE-VU consultation process that includes all states determined by MANE-VU to contribute to visibility impairment in the MANE-VU Class I areas; and
7. Perform a 4-factor analysis of new reasonable measures to control visibility impairing pollutants as required by the Regional Haze Rule at 40 CFR Part 51.308(d)(1)(i); and
8. Assess and develop options for additional new reasonable control measures that can be included in a MANE-VU "Ask" of contributing states.


**FURTHERMORE,** We call upon:

1. The Federal Land Managers responsible for our national parks and wilderness areas and the USEPA to participate in MANE-VU conference calls, meetings, and consultation processes, to assist in the technical work of the MANE-VU states, and to allocate resources needed to support implementation of the Regional Haze Rules; and
2. Federal Land Managers to express concerns in writing to the affected States and to EPA during the 60-day SIP review period required by the Regional Haze rule, and

3. USEPA to act on any inconsistencies between (a) reasonable measures asked of the MANE-VU states and of others that contribute to visibility impairment within the MANE-VU states, and (b) the reasonable measures included in the Regional Haze SIPs of contributing States, and to resolve these discrepancies prior to approving the affected States' Regional Haze SIPs, and (c) to act on incomplete SIPs during the SIP review process, and
4. USEPA to implement reasonable and cost-effective national or super-regional measures that support Class I areas meeting the goals of the Regional Haze regulation,
5. USEPA to provide adequate and timely Federal funding to comply with this mandatory federal requirement.

Respectfully agreed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2015 by the Commissioners of the MANE-VU states with mandatory Class I federal areas.

  
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