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Mid-Atlantic/Northeast Visibility Union

MANE-VU

Reducing Regional Haze for Improved Visibility and Health

Charge to the Mid-Atlantic Northeast Visibility Union's Technical Support Committee

The Mid-Atlantic Northeast Visibility Union (MANE-VU) directs the Executive Staff and members of the MANE-VU Technical Support Committee (TSC) to perform technical analyses and prepare recommendations to help MANE-VU members finalize their regional haze State Implementation Plans (RH SIPs) for the 2nd planning period (due before July 31, 2021) and complete their 5 year progress reports (due 2025). These efforts will assist states in reducing visibility impairment in a cost effective manner using a multi-pollutant approach. Since haze precursor pollutants also affect human health and welfare, these efforts will also serve to improve the region's air quality.

The TSC is charged to provide regular updates to the Air Directors and report at the June 2020 Meeting on the following activities:

- 1. Facilitation and coordination among MANE-VU states and tribes, and with EPA and Federal Land Managers;
- Trends in visibility at Class I areas within MANE-VU states (as well as those Class I areas outside of MANE-VU that may be affected by emissions from MANE-VU states) to support the 5 year progress reports that are due in 2025;
- Progress of MANE-VU states' and upwind states' SIP submittals, how they address their respective MANE-VU Asks, and EPA-proposed actions and approvals;
- Consultation and coordination with other Multijurisdictional Organizations (MJOs) on RH SIPs as needed;

- 5. Review and comment on EPA's Regional Haze Reform Roadmap and other EPA documents related to RH SIPs and 5 year progress reports; and
- 6. Training opportunities related to SIP writing, future RH rule revisions, 5 year progress reports, new metrics, etc.

The Technical Support Committee should also continue to review MANE-VU grant work products that have been developed by the MJOs, including Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association (MARAMA), Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM), and Ozone Transport Commission (OTC), except any that were developed for use by another workgroup.

The Committees of the OTC are directed to provide whatever assistance is needed to the TSC in carrying out this Charge. To implement this charge the OTC/MANE-VU Executive Director will work with the Chairs of the TSC and the Air Directors to produce a clear and comprehensive TSC workplan by July 15, 2019, and also provide written monthly updates on the progress of the Committee to satisfy the workplan.

Additionally, if new information becomes available, the TSC, at the direction of the TSC Chairs, will research and analyze additional strategies that reduce emissions in a cost-effective manner employing available emission inventory estimates. Changes to the workplan may be made by the Executive Director only after a consultation with and approval of the Air Directors. The Chairs of the TSC will communicate any changes to the workplan to the Committee.

The TSC is directed to seek the assistance of the OTC committees, MARAMA, and NESCAUM, as necessary and appropriate.

Adopted by the Commission on June 11, 2019.