Pursuant to the public hearing requirements in Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations Part 51 section 102, the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) is issuing the following notice and is taking comment on the proposed Nevada Regional Haze State Implementation Plan for the Second Planning Period (SIP), along with the proposed Withdrawal and Replacement of Elements of the 2012 PM2.5 National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) and 2015 Ozone NAAQS Infrastructure SIPs.

On January 10, 2017, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) finalized changes to the Regional Haze Rule, which requires each state to submit periodic state implementation plan revisions addressing regional haze visibility impairment. The SIP is submitted to address certain requirements of 40 CFR part 51 section 308 and demonstrates that the State of Nevada has met the requirements of the regional haze program for the second planning period. The NDEP will submit the final version of the proposed SIP to USEPA by August 15, 2022, requesting approval.

In addition, the NDEP is withdrawing certain elements of the 2012 PM2.5 and 2015 Ozone Infrastructure SIPs addressing CAA section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(II) for interstate visibility transport, and submitting in their place updated elements, as indicated in Appendix I of the proposed Nevada Regional Haze State Implementation Plan for the Second Planning Period. The NDEP is requesting the USEPA approve the withdrawal and replacement of these elements.

The NDEP’s Regional Haze SIP for the Second Planning Period and related materials are available on the NDEP website at https://ndep.nv.gov/posts. Access to the draft document may also be obtained by contacting Andrew Tucker at NDEP, 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001, Carson City, NV 89701; (775) 687-9499; or e-mail to atucker@ndep.nv.gov.

Persons wishing to comment on the proposed Regional Haze SIP submittal or to request a public hearing should submit their comments or request in writing either by mail or email to Andrew Tucker at the above address. A request for a hearing must be received by July 25, 2022. Written comments will be received by the NDEP until 5:00 PM PST, July 25, 2022, and will be retained and considered.

Upon receipt of a valid written request, the NDEP will hold a public hearing in Carson City on:

July 28, 2022
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Humboldt Conference Room, 3rd Floor
901 S. Stewart Street
CARSON CITY, NV

Virtual Meeting Information via Microsoft Teams
- Join on your computer or mobile app: Click here to join the meeting
- Call In (audio only): +1 (775) 321-6111, Conference ID: 432 059 251#
- If receiving this document as a hard copy, you can access the meeting information at https://ndep.nv.gov/posts and search for the Regional Haze Public Notice

An agenda will be posted on the NDEP web site at least 3 working days before the hearing. Oral comments will be received at the Hearing. If planning on joining in person, please note that you must wait for an escort before proceeding to the hearing room. If no request for a public hearing is received by July 25, 2022, the hearing will be cancelled. Persons may check on the status of the hearing on the NDEP web site at https://ndep.nv.gov/posts or you may call the NDEP Bureau of Air Quality Planning at (775) 687-9349.

This notice has been posted at the NDEP offices in Carson City and Las Vegas, at the State Library in Carson City and at County libraries throughout Nevada. Physical copies of the Regional Haze SIP are available at NDEP offices in Carson City and Las Vegas as well as at the Elko County Public Library and the Churchill County Public Library. Members of the public who are disabled and require special accommodations or assistance at the hearing are requested to notify Andrew Tucker (775-687-9499) or Ann McKnight (775-687-9349) no later than 3 working days before the hearing.

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