

Approval of the Visibility Protection Chapter-Tennessee State Implementation Plan

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Background: On February 9, 1993 (reference file TN 104), and December 19, 1994 (reference file TN 148), the State of Tennessee, through the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC), submitted to the to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) revisions to the Tennessee State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the purpose of visibility protection. Those revisions were to be incorporated into their SIP in chapter 1200-3-9 "Construction and Operating Permits," a non-regulatory visibility long term strategy and a new Chapter 12003-23 "Visibility Protection." The intended effect of these revisions were to meet the requirements of the Clean Air Act (CAA) for the purpose of assuring visibility protection in mandatory Class I Federal areas.

Summary: The EPA took no action on the revisions to Chapter 1200-3-9 because these revisions were replaced in a subsequent submittal and action was taken by EPA to approve these revisions on July 18, 1996 (61 FR 37387). On May 6, 1997, Tennessee withdrew the non-regulatory portion of the visibility protection plan because Tennessee revised its visibility long-term strategy to meet the requirements of 40 CFR 51 Subpart P.

The EPA approved the entire chapter 1200-3-23 "Visibility Protection" for the State of Tennessee submitted to EPA on February 9, 1993, and December 19, 1994 by Tennessee, through TDEC. It was approved because it met the regulatory requirements of 40 CFR 51 Subpart P. For the detailed provisions for the protection of visibility in Federal Class I areas, included in the visibility protection chapter, see the federal register notice (62 FR 35681).

Federal Register Actions:

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