

U.S. EPA Fact Sheet

Proposed Rule: California Regional Haze Progress Report

September 17, 2014

Summary of Action:

EPA is proposing to approve the California Air Resources Board's determination that the existing California Regional Haze (RH) State Implementation Plan (SIP) is making adequate progress to achieve the visibility goals for 2018 in the State's 29 Class I areas.

California's RH Progress Report addresses the Region Haze Rule requirements under the Clean Air Act to submit a report describing progress in achieving reasonable progress goals (RPG) to improve visibility in Federally designated Class I areas in California and in nearby states that may be affected by emissions from sources in California.

EPA's proposal to approve the State's Progress Report and determination that the existing RH SIP is sufficient to make adequate progress means that no substantive revisions to the plan are required at this time.

EPA approved the California RH SIP in a final rule on June 14, 2011.

Background:

The Clean Air Act (CAA) establishes as a national goal the prevention of any future and the remedying of any existing man-made impairment of visibility in 156 national parks and wilderness areas designated as Class I areas.

States are required to submit reports every five years evaluating progress toward achieving the RPGs.

Next Steps:

The Federal Register notice will be published in approximately 2 – 3 weeks.

There will be a 30 day public comment period on this action.

More Information: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/air/actions/calwide/index.html>