

U.S. EPA FACT SHEET

HAWAII REGIONAL HAZE – PROPOSED FEDERAL IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

May 14, 2012

Today's Action:

- EPA is proposing a plan to address the requirements for reducing regional haze and improving visibility at Hawaii Volcanoes National Park on the Big Island, and Haleakala National Park on Maui.
- The plan proposes a cap on pollution from the Kanoelehua Hill Generating Station, Shipman Power Plant and the Puna Power Plant on the Big Island. It is likely that the cap could be met through energy conservation and increased reliance on renewable energy already planned as part of Hawaii's Clean Energy Initiative.
- EPA is accepting public comments on this proposal for 30 days following publication in the Federal Register. We are also holding informational open houses and public hearings (see details below).

EPA's plan is designed to achieve the following:

- Reasonable progress toward achieving visibility goals at the Volcanoes National Park and Haleakala National Park in the first planning period through 2018
- A determination of Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) for the Kanoelehua Hill Generating Station on the Big Island

Background:

Regional Haze is visibility impairment caused by fine particle pollution. This haze obscures the view of scenery and objects at a distance, reducing the beauty of our protected natural areas.

Congress set the goal of the "prevention of any future, and the remedying of any existing, impairment of visibility in mandatory Class I Federal areas which impairment results from manmade air pollution." These Class I areas in the U.S. include 156 national parks and national wilderness areas.

Under EPA's Regional Haze Rule, the states are required to establish long-term strategies for making reasonable progress toward achieving natural visibility in Class 1 areas.

Additional Information and Opportunities for Public Comment:

EPA is holding informational open houses and public hearings at the following times and locations:

Date: May 31, 2012

Time: Open House: 5:30-6:30 pm

Public Hearing 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: The University of Hawaii, Maui College in the Pilina Multipurpose Room

310 W. Kaahumanu Avenue

Kahului, Hawaii 96732

Date: June 1, 2012

Time: Open House: 4:30-5:30 pm

Public Hearing: 5:30-7:30 pm

Location: Waiakea High School in the Cafeteria
155 W. Kawili Street
Hilo, Hawaii 96720

Instructions for submitting comments on EPA's proposal during the public comment period can be found at <http://www.regulations.gov> and Docket ID No. EPA-R09-OAR-2012-0345.

For more information, visit <http://www.epa.gov/region9/air/actions/hawaii.html>