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The Honorable Scott Mason
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region VI
1201 Elm Street, Suite 500
Dallas, Texas 75270

Re: Submission of New Mexico's Regional Haze State Implementation Plan Revision for the Second Implementation Period and Companion Rule 20.2.68 NMAC – Regional Haze Requirements

Dear Regional Administrator Mason:

The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED), Air Quality Bureau (AQB) respectfully submits New Mexico's Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision for the Second Implementation Period (2019-2028), pursuant to Sections 110 and 169A of the Clean Air Act and 40 C.F.R. § 51.308. This submission includes companion rule 20.2.68 New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC) – Regional Haze Requirements, which establishes enforceable measures to implement the SIP and ensure reasonable progress toward natural visibility conditions at affected Class I areas.

NMED provided public notice and an opportunity for a hearing consistent with state law and 40 C.F.R. § 51.102. On April 28–30, 2025, the New Mexico Environmental Improvement Board (EIB) held a public hearing on the proposed Regional Haze SIP Revision and companion rule 20.2.68 NMAC (EIB Docket No. 24-49(R)). After reviewing the administrative record, the EIB adopted the Regional Haze SIP Revision for the Second Implementation Period and 20.2.68 NMAC under its authority in the Air Quality Control Act, NMSA 1978, Sections 74-2-5 and 74-2-6. The EIB issued its Final Order and Statement of Reasons on January 26, 2026.

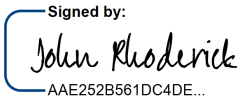
This submittal includes the final EIB-adopted Regional Haze SIP Revision for the Second Implementation Period and companion rule 20.2.68 NMAC, along with supporting documentation. The EIB maintains the complete administrative record for EIB Docket No. 24-49(R), which is available to EPA upon request.

NMED requests EPA's approval of this SIP revision into the New Mexico SIP pursuant to Clean Air Act section 110(k).

If you have any questions regarding this submittal, please contact AQB Bureau Chief, Cindy Hollenberg at (505) 699-4608 or cindy.hollenberg@env.nm.gov.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

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Signed pursuant to delegation on March 9, 2026

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cc:

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Michelle Miano, Division Director, Environmental Protection Division, NMED
Michael Feldman, Section Chief, SO2 and Regional Haze Section, EPA Region VI

Enclosures:

Final Adopted Regional Haze State Implementation Plan Revision
(Second Implementation Period, 2019–2028, including Appendices)

20.2.68 NMAC – Regional Haze Requirements
(Filed Rule and NMAC Transmittal Form)

Environmental Improvement Board Final Order and Statement of Reasons
(EIB Docket No. 24-49(R))

Public Notice of Proposed SIP Revision and Rulemaking
(EIB Docket No. 24-49(R))

NMED Notices of Intent to Submit Testimony and Exhibits
(EIB Docket No. 24-49(R), including NMED Exhibit 62 – Response to Comments)

Certified Hearing and Deliberation Transcripts