



New Mexico Environment Department

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Air Quality Bureau

Guiding Principles for Developing the New Mexico Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (RH SIP)

Science

- Use sound scientific analysis and principles to understand visibility issues.
- Perform visibility studies using the most recent, complete, and accurate datasets available.
- Rely upon and lead with science to inform our understanding of the causes of haze, evaluate strategies and set future goals to improve visibility at Class I Areas.

Innovation

- Consider new ideas that potentially offer better solutions to problems of haze at Class I Areas.
- Allow for flexibility in the planning and development of the RH SIP revision to include new information as it becomes available.
- Include and evaluate the newest engineering methods and technology advances in potential control measures to help solve haze problems.

Collaboration

- Assist the Western Regional Air Partnership (WRAP) and its contractors performing regional technical analyses, and collaborate with all western states, Federal Land Managers (FLMs), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and tribes.
- Work proactively with all stakeholders to minimize negative impacts for sources and maximize visibility improvements at Class I Areas.
- Acknowledge and consider a wide range of perspectives and ideas, regardless of the source, while respecting each person working toward the shared goal of improved visibility at Class I Areas.
- Keep stakeholders informed of all steps required for RH SIP planning and development; help them access technical information that informs the Department's decisions.
- Consult with EPA, FLMs, other states and, where appropriate, tribes at multiple stages in the development of the RH SIP revision.

Compliance

- Maintain a level playing field with the development of fair and equitable reasonable control measures.
- Develop a long-term strategy that ensures continued progress toward visibility goals.
- Assure approvability of the RH SIP revision by complying with federal rule requirements, adhering to EPA guidance and frequently consulting with EPA and FLMs.