

**State of New Jersey
Department of Environmental Protection**

**State Implementation Plan (SIP)
For Regional Haze**

Proposal

**Appendix B: Overview of MANE-VU
Roles and Responsibilities**

September 5, 2008

Appendix B

Overview of MANE-VU's Roles and Responsibilities

The Mid-Atlantic/Northeast Visibility Union (MANE-VU) was formed by the Mid-Atlantic and Northeastern states, tribes, and federal agencies to coordinate regional haze planning activities for the region.

MANE-VU was formed to encourage a coordinated approach to meeting the requirements of the USEPA's Regional Haze Rules and reducing visibility impairment in major national parks and wilderness areas in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic region. MANE-VU provides technical assessments and assistance to its members, evaluates linkages to other regional air pollution issues, provides a forum for discussion, and encourages coordinated actions. MANE-VU also facilitates coordination with other regions.

Mid-Atlantic/Northeast Visibility Union Members* **(MANE-VU)**

Connecticut	Pennsylvania
Delaware	Penobscot Nation
District of Columbia	Rhode Island
Maine	St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
Maryland	Vermont
Massachusetts	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
New Hampshire	U.S. National Park Service
New Jersey	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
New York	U.S. Forest Service

*The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. National Park Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Forest Service are non-voting members.

MANE-VU's structure includes a board comprised of State and Tribal Commissioners/Secretaries, Air Program Directors and two committees comprised of agency personnel: a Technical Support Committee to assess the nature of regional haze, the sources that contribute to regional haze and the technical tools that states will use to develop their programs and a Communications Committee to develop outreach messages and approaches.

The Mid-Atlantic/Northeast Visibility Union's (MANE-VU) work is managed by the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) and carried out by the OTC, the Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association (MARAMA) and the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management (NESCAUM). The member states along with federal agencies and professional staff from OTC, MARAMA and NESCAUM are also members of the various committees and workgroups.

The following are highlights of many of the ways MANE-VU has set about to cooperatively address regional haze within its member states and tribes.

- Budget Prioritization: MANE-VU helped establish the “Albany Group” which assists MARAMA, OTC and NESCAUM staff in developing budget priorities, project rankings, and the eventual federal grant requests.
- Issue Coordination: MANE-VU established a set conference call and meeting schedule for each of its Committees and Workgroups. In addition, its Air Directors regularly discussed pertinent issues.
- SIP Policy and Planning: MANE-VU initiated a process to track the key milestones needed for SIP development and to jointly develop standard language and technical support documents for this SIP.
- Materials Distribution: To educate its staff and members MANE-VU included technical presentations at the end of the conference calls. Presentations on haze airplane flights, BART work, inventory topics, etc were an effective education and coordination tool.
- Routine Operations: MANE-VU established routine operations such to address the following topics: budget, grant deliverables/ due-dates, workgroup meetings, inter-RPO feedback, haze rule development, etc.
- Consultation among MANE-VU states, and with Midwest RPO and VISTAS regarding reasonable measures.

Representation on these MANE-VU Committees is provided by all member States.