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Via SPeCs and Email

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Re: New Jersey Five-year Progress Report for the Regional Haze Second Planning Period

Dear Mr. Ruvo,

Enclosed for your review is New Jersey's Five-year Progress Report for the Regional Haze Second Planning Period. The enclosed report documents New Jersey's continued progress in reducing emissions within the State resulting in improved visibility levels. It further demonstrates that New Jersey is on track to meet the visibility goal for the second planning period (2018 - 2028) at its Class 1 area: the Brigantine Wilderness Area of the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge and ultimately achieve natural background visibility levels by 2064.

The primary components of this progress report include:

- 1) A description of the status of implementation of all measures in the Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP) for achieving reasonable progress goals at the Brigantine Wilderness Area;
- 2) A summary of the emission reductions achieved throughout the state through implementation of all Regional Haze SIP measures;
- 3) Assesses the visibility conditions and changes for the 20% Most Impaired and 20% Clearest days at the Brigantine Wilderness Area;

- 4) Tracks changes in emissions in New Jersey by visibility impairing pollutant, types of sources, and emission activity across the state's entire inventory;
- 5) Assesses whether any significant changes in emissions have limited or impeded regional haze progress;
- 6) Assesses whether the current Regional Haze SIP and strategies are sufficient to meet reasonable progress goals at Brigantine Wilderness Area;
- 7) Determines adequacy of the existing Regional Haze SIP.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact Sharon Davis of my staff at (609)-940-5660.

Sincerely,

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Regional Haze Five-Year Progress Report

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