Notice of Intent To Amend the State Implementation Plan For Air Pollution Control Relating to the Regional Haze Rule

North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality

will hold an in-person public hearing to address proposed changes to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Control of Air Pollution for the State of North Dakota which addresses Regional Haze (RH) in the Federal Class I areas.

Normandy Building 4201 Normandy Street (Room 223) Bismarck, ND May 31, 2022 9:00 a.m. CDT

For those unable to attend in-person, a virtual listening option has been made available on the Department's Regional Haze webpage: https://www.deq.nd.gov/AQ/planning/RegHaze.aspx. A copy of the proposed RH SIP revision and supporting documentation may be accessed at the above link. A copy of the proposed RH SIP revision may also be obtained by writing to the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Air Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, North Dakota 58503 or calling (701)328-5188. Written comments may be submitted to the above address on or before June 1, 2022. The RH SIP revision addresses the requirements to show reasonable progress to reduce regional haze (visibility impairment) in Theodore Roosevelt National Park (TRNP) and Lostwood Wilderness Area (LWA). The RH SIP revision includes a Permit to Construct for Coal Creek Station which establishes a limit of nitrogen oxides intended to improve visibility conditions in TRNP and LWA.

The National Park Service is the Federal Land Manager for TRNP and provided comments on the draft RH SIP revision. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the Federal Land Manager for LWA and did not provide comment on the draft RH SIP revision. The Department also received comments from the U.S. Forest Service on the draft RH SIP revision. The comments received can be found in Appendix D.2 of the RH SIP revision. These comments may be accessed at the website listed above or by contacting the Department. The Department has provided a written response to these comments in Appendix D.2.

If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of Environmental Quality at the above address at least seven days prior to the hearing.

Dated this 18th day of April 2022

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