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Subject: Public Participation Procedures for Oklahoma SIP Review/Revision Submittals

Dear Mr. Diggs:

Oklahoma has traditionally complied with the public notice requirements of 40 CFR Part 51 for non-rule SIP components by using newspaper notice. In this letter, we are notifying you of our intention to use internet notice to provide this notification for these components. We have attached our public participation procedures, that include internet notice, for State Implementation Plan (SIP) Review/Revision submittals under 40 CFR Part 51, as provided for under 40 CFR §51.102(g). The procedures apply primarily to non-rule SIP components, since procedures for adopting agency rules are prescribed by statute and regulation. [For additional details see recently-approved Infrastructure Certification(s).]

These internet posting procedures would be used for all future SIP Reviews/Revisions submittals, including Oklahoma's CAA §110(a)(2) Infrastructure Certification for the 2008 Lead NAAQS, which is currently undergoing internal and EPA Region 6 staff consultation. The public participation procedures document the agency's wider use of electronic dissemination of program information, and lowers emphasis on the use of more costly and narrower/less effective newspaper publication and/or direct mailing of such notices. In accordance with EPA's Guidance Memo entitled, *Regional Consistency for the Administrative Requirements of State Implementation Plan Submittals and the Use of "Letter Notices,"* (April 6, 2011), the State has determined that the public has routine and ready access to the electronic publishing venues provided by DEQ. The procedures provide additional notice methods (e.g., direct mail and/or published newspaper notice) for use if a particular action is likely to be of concern to a particular group or community that does not have routine and ready access to electronic notifications.

If you have questions, please contact Ms. Cheryl Bradley, Manager, AQD Rules and Planning Section, or Mr. Brooks Kirlin, AQD Rules and Planning Section, at (405) 702-4100.

Sincerely

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