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William Montgomery, Interim Associate Director  
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Subject: Oklahoma request to analyze sources for reasonable progress under the Regional Haze Rule

Dear Mr. Montgomery:

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is in the process of developing a state implementation plan covering the period of 2021 – 2028 under the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Regional Haze Rule, specifically requirements set forth in 40 C.F.R. § 51.308(f). As part of the requirements under this rule, DEQ must develop a long-term strategy for making reasonable progress at Oklahoma’s Class I area, the Wichita Mountains Wilderness Area. 40 C.F.R. § 51.308(f)(2), 40 C.F.R. § 81.424.

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 51.308(f)(2)(ii):

The State must consult with those States that have emissions that are reasonably anticipated to contribute to visibility impairment in the mandatory Class I Federal area to develop coordinated emission management strategies containing the emission reductions necessary to make reasonable progress.

In its source evaluation, DEQ identified two sources located in Arkansas with SO$_2$ emissions that are reasonably anticipated to contribute to visibility impairment at the Wichita Mountains Wilderness Area. DEQ requests that Arkansas consider the following sources for further analysis:

- Entergy White Bluff
- Entergy Independence
Oklahoma is requesting that the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment continue in consultation with DEQ regarding its Regional Haze long-term strategy, and specifically any resulting analyses or measures at the above-listed sources. Should you have any questions about this request, please contact Cooper Garbe at 405-702-4169 or Melanie Foster at 405-702-4218.

Sincerely,

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