



DNREC Virtual Public Hearing

**Proposed Revision to:
Delaware's Visibility State Implementation Plan**

(Docket #2021-R-A-0019)

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Delaware's State Implementation Plan

- Identifies how a Delaware will attain and maintain air quality
- Delaware's State Implementation Plan - Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations at Part 52, Subpart I

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EPA's Regional Haze Program

- Regional Haze - visibility impairment caused by the emission of air pollutants from numerous sources located over a wide geographic area
- Purpose of Regional Haze program - to return the visibility conditions in our national parks and wilderness areas to their “natural” conditions, by 2064
- Class I areas
 - National Parks exceeding 6,000 acres
 - Wilderness Areas
 - National Memorial Parks exceeding 5,000 acres
 - International Parks
 - In existence before 1977
- Visibility impairing pollutants – SO₂, NO_x, PM, VOCs, and NH₃

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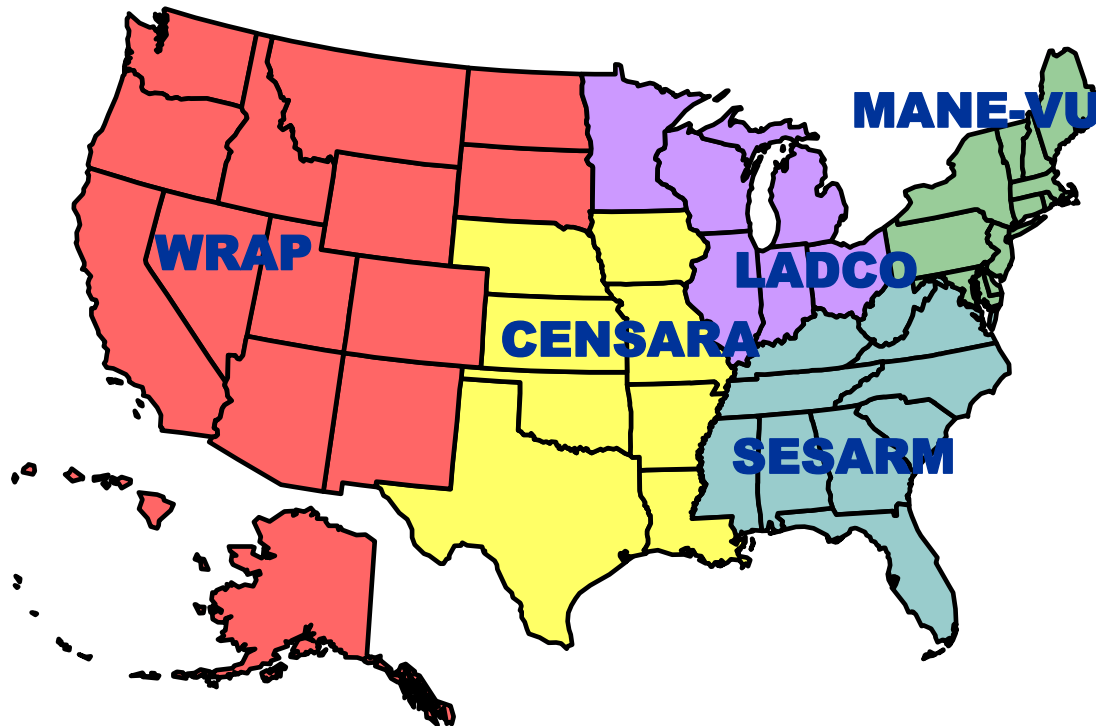
Visibility State Implementation Plans (SIPs)

- Address visibility impairment in Class I areas and make reasonable progress toward achieving natural visibility conditions.
- Plans cover ten-year periods
 - 1st Implementation Period 2008-2018
 - **2nd Implementation Period 2018-2028**

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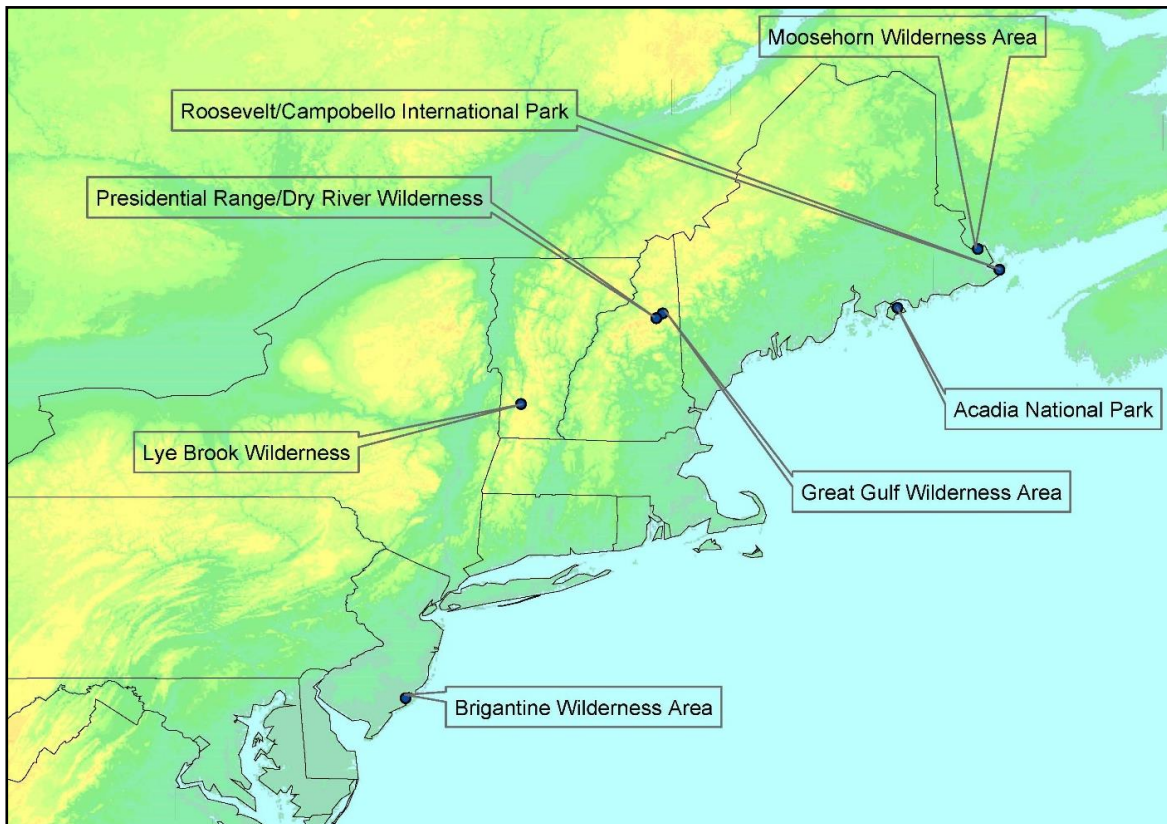
Regional Planning Organizations



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Mid Atlantic Visibility Union (MANE-VU) Class I Areas



Class I States

- Maine
- New Hampshire
- Vermont
- New Jersey

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Visibility SIPs - Main Components

- Long Term Strategy - enforceable emissions limitations, compliance schedules, and other measures necessary to make reasonable progress toward visibility improvement in affected Class I areas
- Emission Trends - analysis of trends in emissions of visibility impairing pollutants
- Emission Reduction Strategies - MANE-VU states work together to develop coordinated strategies that will help Class I states improve visibility

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Hearing Exhibit List:

- Exhibit 1: Environmental Protection Agency's Regional Haze Rule. "Regional haze program requirements." 40 Code of Federal Regulations § 51.308. July 1, 2019. Pages 316-320.
- Exhibit 2: Register Notice for the proposed revision to "Delaware's Visibility State Implementation Plan", published in Delaware Register of Regulations on December 1, 2021.
- Exhibit 3: Affidavit and legal notice in the November 21, 2021 Delaware State News that advertised today's hearing.
- Exhibit 4: Affidavit and legal notice in the November 21, 2021 News Journal that advertised today's hearing.

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Hearing Exhibit List (Cont.):

- Exhibit 5: Notice for today's hearing on the State of Delaware Public Meeting Calendar, December 13, 2021.
- Exhibit 6: Legal notice for today's hearing, as posted on the website for DNREC Public Notices, dated November 21, 2021.
- Exhibit 7: Proposed Visibility State Implementation Plan (with Appendices)
- Appendix 8-14 posted on DNREC Public Hearing page:
"Agreement Governing the Acquisition and Operation of Delaware City Refinery"
- Exhibit 8: The Department's presentation at today's hearing.



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Thank you for joining us. We will accept comments on this matter through **January 13, 2022**.

Comments may be submitted in writing

Via online form at <https://de.gov/dnrecomments>, via email to DNRECHearingComments@delaware.gov, or by USPS mail:

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