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Cc: Thompson, Clyde N -FS; Fees, David F. (DNREC)  
Subject: RE: Delaware's draft Regional Haze 5-Year Periodic Report

Hi Claire,

Thank you for reviewing and commenting on our SIP. We very much appreciate the positive comments from the USDA Forest Service, and will incorporate them into the Public Hearing record. Take care,

Jack

From: O'Dea, Claire B -FS [mailto:cbodea@fs.fed.us]  
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2013 9:39 AM  
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Hi Jack,

The USDA Forest Service has completed our review of Delaware's (DE) draft Regional Haze 5-Year Periodic Report. We appreciated the opportunity to review the document and the chance to work cooperatively with your staff. We believe that DE has met the requirements for the periodic progress report as outlined in 40 CFR 41.508 (g). DE has demonstrated that sulfate is the major pollutant contributing to visibility impairment at the Class I areas in neighboring states (there are no Class I areas in DE) and that reducing sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) emissions is the most effective approach to improve visibility. The current projections of sulfur dioxide emissions from the coal-fired utilities in Delaware are lower than were originally projected for 2018 in the Regional Haze State Implementation Plan. These projections suggest that DE will meet or exceed the emissions reductions that were included in its 2008 State Implementation Plan and will not interfere with the ability of neighboring states to meet the reasonable progress goals set for Class I areas.

We would also like to congratulate Delaware on your recent completion of the low S fuel rule. We look forward to our continued close cooperation toward the national goal of no "man-made" visibility impairment to the Class I areas in our region by 2064.

Sincerely,

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