



May 15th, 2015

Mr. Guy Donaldson, Chief
Air Planning Section (6PD-L)
Environmental Protection Agency
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 700
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

Dear Mr. Donaldson,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Arkansas Audubon Society, a statewide organization committed to fostering a greater knowledge of the natural history of Arkansas and promoting conservation of natural resources in Arkansas. We would like to voice our support of the EPA's proposed rule *Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; State of Arkansas; Regional Haze and Interstate Visibility Transport Federal Implementation Plan* (Docket No. EPA-R06-OAR-2015-0189).

Arkansas is known as the Natural State, and as such, we take pride in the quality of our landscapes especially as it pertains to their ecological integrity and our ability as citizens to enjoy these areas. The aforementioned rule would enact regulations to protect the air quality of some of our most precious natural areas including the Buffalo National River, Caney Creek Wilderness, and Ouachita National Forest. We believe that Option 1, which includes the control of both SO₂ and NO_x emissions, is the best way forward to reduce haze as well as potentially improve the health of Arkansans who live in the affected areas.

We applaud your move to enforce stricter regulations on emissions in order to reduce their negative impacts in our atmosphere. Thank you for considering our comments on this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. R. McClung".

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