

December 28, 2020

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Dear Mr. Busterud:

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is submitting to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) the *Final Attainment Plan for 2006 24-hour PM2.5 Standard for the South Coast Air Basin South Coast Air Basin* (PM2.5 Plan) as a revision to the California State Implementation Plan (SIP). The South Coast Air Quality Management District (District) adopted the PM2.5 Plan on December 4, 2020.

The South Coast Air Basin (Basin) failed to attain the 35µg/m³ 24-hour PM2.5 national ambient air quality standard (PM2.5 standard) by the 2019 attainment date. As a consequence of failing to attain, the Clean Air Act (Act) requires a new SIP by December 31, 2020 demonstrating the Basin will attain the PM2.5 standard as soon as possible. The PM2.5 Plan demonstrates that the Basin will attain the PM2.5 standard by December 31, 2023, achieve a five percent annual reduction in the emissions of direct PM2.5, or a PM2.5 precursor pollutant, and includes other Act requirements for a Serious PM2.5 nonattainment area failing to meet the PM2.5 standard.

The PM2.5 Plan SIP submittal consists of the following items:

1. District SIP Submittal Package, including:
 - a. December 8, 2020 submittal letter from Mr. Wayne Nastri, District Executive Officer to Mr. Richard Corey, CARB Executive Officer;
 - b. Approved Governing Board Resolution 20-21;
 - c. Final Attainment Plan for 2006 24-hour PM2.5 Standard for the South Coast Air Basin;
 - d. District Governing Board Package;
 - e. Draft Minutes for the Public Hearing;
 - f. Transcript of the Regional Public Hearing; and
2. Proof of Publication for Notices of Public Hearings.

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3. CARB Executive Order S-20-33 approving the PM2.5 Plan as a revision to the California SIP for the Basin; and
4. SIP Completeness Checklist.

CARB is committed to working with U.S. EPA staff to provide any additional clarifying information needed. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Edie Chang, Deputy Executive Officer, at (916) 445-4383 or have your staff contact Dr. Michael Benjamin, Chief, Air Quality Planning and Science Division at (916) 201-8968.

Sincerely,



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