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Dear Director Lakin:

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) is submitting to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) California's Regional Haze Progress Report for the Second Implementation Period (Progress Report). The enclosed document serves as a progress report for the second regional haze planning period, which covers the period from 2018 to 2028, and is intended to fulfill the requirements of the Regional Haze Rule. In this Progress Report, California affirms that its Regional Haze State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the second planning period is adequate for making reasonable progress towards the goal of achieving natural visibility conditions.

CARB provided the draft Progress Report to Federal Land Managers (National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Department of Agriculture) for 60-day review on October 22, 2024. The Federal Land Managers did not provide any comments to CARB staff. CARB subsequently published the draft Progress Report for 30-day public review on December 26, 2024, and also did not receive any public comments.

As the Progress Report shows, California achieved visibility improvement in each of its 29 Class I areas between the baseline and current periods, on both the most impaired and clearest days. Statewide anthropogenic emissions of visibility-harming pollutants have decreased due to ongoing implementation of CARB's emission reduction control strategy. In the coming years, CARB will continue to achieve further emission reductions by implementing the State's control measures, delivering public health benefits and visibility improvements across California.

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CARB is committed to working with U.S. EPA to provide any additional information necessary. If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 201-8968, or have your staff contact Sylvia Vanderspek, Chief, Air Quality Planning Branch, at (916) 716-7601.

Sincerely,



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cc: Sylvia Vanderspek, Chief, Air Quality Planning Branch

Enclosure