



2018 WESTERN STATES PLANNING READINESS SURVEY FOR REGIONAL HAZE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLANS FOR THE SECOND IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

The United States Environmental Protection Agency’s (USEPA) Regional Haze (RH) Program works to enforce certain parts of the Clean Air Act to gradually improve and protect visual air quality in national parks and other wilderness areas by reducing emissions of visibility-impairing pollutants. Developed to help achieve this goal, the Regional Haze Rule (RHR) requires that states create RH State Implementation Plans (SIPs) in which they assemble various elements related to RH such as monitoring data, emissions inventories, and control measures analyses. In January 2017, revisions to the RHR were finalized. This update to the rule established a timeline for new SIPs for the second implementation period (2018-2028), which are to be submitted by July 31, 2021. The Western Regional Air Partnership’s (WRAP) Regional Haze Planning Work Group supports western states in their SIP preparations by offering guidance and training and initiating communication over what the states need to include in their SIPs.

To support this process for the second implementation period, WRAP, assisted by Ramboll US Corporation (Ramboll), has prepared this survey designed to gauge each state’s readiness to and progress toward developing the required elements of the RH SIPs due in 2021. The survey questions were developed based on some of the key SIP requirements laid out in the RHR and explore the following topics: monitoring data and tracking metrics, emissions inventory development, identifying sources for control analysis and conducting four-factor analyses, developing and implementing control measures and regulations, and consultation and outreach. Please review the questions in the attached document and provide responses. You may edit the document using the Microsoft Word “Track Changes” feature or simply use a different font color to indicate the responses added. Before filling out your responses, you may wish to assemble and review any of your previous planning documents related to RH, such as previous SIPs and progress reports, as they might contain information helpful for answering these questions.

Completing this survey has a twofold purpose. First, it allows you to consider key elements of the RH SIP you will be preparing and evaluate your progress/readiness to complete them. Second, the information collected by WRAP through these responses will be useful in assessing and providing the types of assistance each state may need in order to stay on track and complete their SIPs by the 2021 due date. Should you have any questions regarding the completion of this survey, you can contact Ramboll and/or WRAP, who will be available to provide assistance. Please return your completed survey to Emily Weissinger of Ramboll by **October 22, 2018** at the email address indicated in the Contact Information section below.

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