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Public Comment: Utah Round 2 Regional Haze SIP

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Dear UT Regional Haze SIP public comments,

I am writing to urge you to vote to not advance the Round 2 Regional Haze SIP.

The state must uphold the law relative to its obligation under the Clean Air Act, and the current plan falls far short. Two decades into the regional haze plan, Utah's most egregious polluters have yet to address millions of tons of uncontrolled nitrogen oxide emissions.

The proposed plan does not make real or measurable progress toward reducing emissions from the top sources contributing to visibility impairment in our national parks. That is unacceptable and at odds with the Clean Air Act. I know that the National Park Service has submitted serious concerns, which have yet to be addressed by state regulators. Specifically, Hunter and Huntington coal plants were singled out for not being required to cut real emissions. We are leaving more than 12,000 pounds of avoidable nitrogen oxide emissions on the table by allowing these sources off the hook.

Additionally, the state has not established a cost threshold for control technology, and therefore is unsupported in rejecting tried-and-true control measures, like selective catalytic reduction. Utah must establish a cost threshold to be able to logically assess the viability of pollution controls.

The same air pollution that obscures the beauty of the national parks also damages our public health; causing strokes, heart attacks, premature death, and pregnancy complications. The role of the Utah DAQ is to protect the public from polluters, and yet this plan seems more specifically designed to protect polluters from taking responsibility for their pollution. For Utahns, present and future, do not advance a plan that values the interests of polluters over people.

Sincerely,

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