

Appendix 2 - Letters Requesting Participation by States with Class I Areas

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Letters requesting Participation by States with Class I Areas

As a result of the various analyses performed by the MRPO and other RPOs, Indiana was invited to participate in a number of consultations regarding contributions to Class I areas. The states and organizations include Michigan, Minnesota, Arkansas and Missouri, Vermont, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and MANE-VU, also including Vermont, New Hampshire, and New Jersey. Copies of letters from Arkansas and Missouri, Vermont, New Hampshire, New Jersey, and MANE-VU follow.

Indiana participated in these processes, attending meetings and calls as appropriate.

Initial letter from Missouri and Arkansas requesting Indiana participation in their regional planning process for Mingo Wilderness, Hercules Glades Wilderness, Upper Buffalo Wilderness, and Caney Creek Wilderness areas.



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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Dear Ms. Watson:

As you are probably aware, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated the federal Regional Haze Rule on July 1, 1999. The federal Regional Haze Rule and the Clean Air Act require consultation between the States and the Federal Land Managers (FLMs) responsible for managing federal Class I areas. This consultation process provides an opportunity for us to work together to achieve a common goal of protecting the visibility of Class I areas.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Air Pollution Control Program and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality would like to officially begin this consultation process for the following Class I areas located in Missouri and Arkansas:

- Mingo Wilderness Area (Missouri)
- Hercules Glades Wilderness Area (Missouri)
- Upper Buffalo Wilderness Area (Arkansas)
- Caney Creek Wilderness Area (Arkansas)

To do so, we are requesting your participation in a "kick-off" conference call to initiate this multi-state planning effort. We would like to schedule this conference call in March 2007.

Enclosed is a draft Consultation Plan that includes the objectives, timelines, activities, and technical information to facilitate the consultation. Please review this draft plan so that we can discuss it and consider any changes that might be beneficial on the call. Participants in the central Class I Areas consultation process will include States and Tribes that have been identified by modeling and technical analysis to have an impact on visibility at these four Class I areas. A list of the invitees that have been requested for the consultation is included in the draft plan. Regional Planning Organizations, FLMs and the EPA will also have the opportunity to participate in this process. The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality may also provide additional information before the consultation call.



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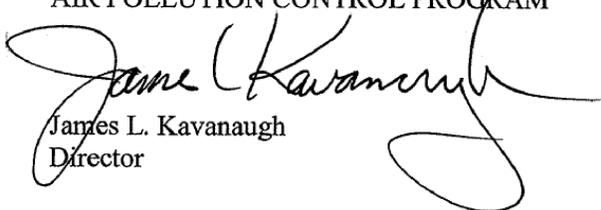
At this time, the modeling analysis shows that we are very close to meeting the reasonable progress goal at the four central Class I areas. It is our hope that through the consultation process we will be able to obtain additional information on the controls currently being implemented or planned by the participating states and tribes, and that we will be able to use that information in the model to demonstrate that we will be able to meet the first progress goal for these areas.

We look forward to working with you on this important effort and request that you please respond to this letter by advising who will be participating in this call for your organization along with their contact information. We will be working with them to develop an agenda and date for the "kick-off" conference call.

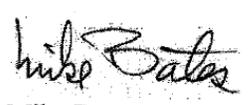
If you should have any questions about this letter or the consultation process, please contact either Calvin Ku of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Air Pollution Control Program at (573) 751-4817 or Tony Davis of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality at (501) 682-0728. Thank you.

Sincerely,

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAM


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ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY


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Enclosure

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Initial letter from Vermont requesting Indiana's participation in regional consultations.



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February 23, 2007

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Dear Commissioner Easterly:

This letter has two purposes. Its first purpose is to present a brief summary of results of analyses which the State of Vermont, in conjunction with the Regional Planning Organization (RPO) MANE-VU, has conducted to fulfill requirements for the protection of visibility in federally managed areas of the United States known as Class I areas (Section 169A of the Clean Air Act). The analyses indicate that sources of visibility impairing air pollutants in the State of Indiana are contributing significantly to regional haze in the Class I Lye Brook Wilderness area located in Vermont.

Its second purpose is to invite you and/or representatives from the department/agency responsible in your state for regulatory air matters, to participate in a consultation process to determine an appropriate mitigation strategy for Lye Brook Wilderness. The consultation process will develop a recommendation for the most cost-effective strategy, agreeable to all jurisdictions involved, for implementation of long-term measures and controls which demonstrate that reasonable progress goals for the Class I area, to be established in Vermont's State Implementation Plan (SIP), will be achieved.

Background:

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) final regional haze rules promulgated on July 1, 1999 require every state, whether containing a Class I area or not, to develop a SIP describing that state's control commitments (if any) to a long-term strategy for achieving reasonable progress goals (RPGs) in all Class I areas by 2018. 2018 is the end of the first 10 year period in a series of periodic SIP submittals that are required by the rules. The first SIPs under the regional haze rules (40 CFR 51.300) must be submitted to EPA by December 2007. Individual state plans that are developed need to be consistent with each other for them to be effective in achieving the RPGs. The regulations at 40 CFR 51.308 (d) (1) (iv) require a documented consultation process between all states involved in any multi-state strategy aimed at achieving the RPGs. This consultation record is one element required in the SIP of any state such as Vermont which contains one or more Class I areas. This letter serves to initiate the formal consultation process between our two states regarding the strategies to be incorporated in our state SIPs for submittal in December 2007.



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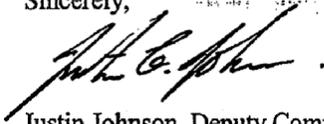
Because the development of an effective strategy for mitigation of regional haze will be regional in nature, several other states have also been invited to participate in this consultative process to develop a SIP strategy that demonstrates the RPGs for visibility will be met in Lye Brook Wilderness Area by 2018. Vermont is a member of the Regional Planning Organization MANE-VU which is comprised of the New England States and New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. All other MANE-VU member states are being invited to consult with Vermont on our SIP strategy. In addition, a total of eleven other states outside of MANE-VU have been identified as having a level of impact on regional haze in the Lye Brook Wilderness area which is considered "significant" for this first round of regional haze SIPs with a 2018 target for RPGs. The attached Table 1 identifies all of the states with which Vermont believes it must consult during this planning period.

Table 1 summarizes the specific analytical results for each state which lead us to believe sources of haze-causing air pollutants in your state contribute significantly to the regional haze experienced at Vermont's Class I area. Over the past three years MANE-VU has conducted a number of studies and used several accepted scientific methodologies to identify the sources of impacts on visibility at all of the Class I areas in the northeast. These have been collected into a technical document entitled "Contributions to Regional Haze in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic United States" dated August 2006 (<http://manevu.org>). This information will be available along with other technical study results during our consultative process. All MANE-VU states have determined that they will participate in each of the consultation processes for each of the MANE-VU Class I areas. In that context, if your state is a member of MANE-VU, staff from your state will already be aware of the consultation that has been ongoing internally through committees and workgroups involved in MANE-VU RPO planning efforts.

If your state is not a member of MANE-VU, you are also invited and encouraged to send a representative to future consultation meetings which will be scheduled through contacts between our respective RPOs (MANE-VU, VISTAS, MRPO). These meetings will be held over a period of months in the near future. At the meetings, establishment of the 2018 RPGs for each of the Class I areas in the northeastern U.S. will be discussed and strategies intended to achieve the RPGs will be proposed and defined. Please send us the name, address and contact phone number and/or email address of the appropriate person within your organization to contact when details of the first consultation meeting have been finalized.

The Vermont contact for this consultation process is Paul Wishinski, Air Quality Planning Chief for the Vermont Air Pollution Control Division, Phone: 802-241-3862 Fax: 802-241-2590 email: Paul.Wishinski@state.vt.us. Please contact him if you have any questions about the regional haze planning consultation process that we are formally proposing with this letter.

Sincerely,



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Vermont Agency of Natural Resources

States to be Consulted on Establishing Vermont's Class I Area 2018 Reasonable Progress Goals and Strategies for Achieving Them

<u>State Name</u>	<u>Primary Haze-Causing Significant Impact⁽¹⁾ and/or Other Reason for Inclusion</u>
Connecticut	MANE-VU member
Delaware	MANE-VU member
District of Columbia	MANE-VU member
Georgia	Sources impact > 2% Sulfate Contribution
Illinois	Sources impact > 2% Sulfate Contribution
Indiana	Sources impact > 2% Sulfate Contribution
Kentucky	Sources impact > 2% Sulfate Contribution
Maine	MANE-VU member
Maryland	Sources impact > 2% Sulfate Contribution
Massachusetts	Sources impact > 2% Sulfate Contribution
Michigan	Sources impact > 2% Sulfate Contribution
New Hampshire	MANE-VU member
New Jersey	MANE-VU member
New York	Sources impact > 2% Sulfate Contribution
North Carolina	Sources impact > 2% Sulfate Contribution
Ohio	Sources impact > 2% Sulfate Contribution
Pennsylvania	Sources impact > 2% Sulfate Contribution
Rhode Island	MANE-VU member
Tennessee	Sources impact > 2% Sulfate Contribution
Virginia	Sources impact > 2% Sulfate Contribution
West Virginia	Sources impact > 2% Sulfate Contribution
Wisconsin	Sources impact > 2% Sulfate Contribution

⁽¹⁾ From the report entitled "Contributions to Regional Haze in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic United States", prepared by NESCAUM for the Mid-Atlantic / Northeast Visibility Union (MANE-VU), August 2006. The primary criteria Vermont used to identify a state as having a significant impact on Vermont's Class I area was the modeled base-year 2002 state-wide sulfur oxide emission impacts on the ambient sulfate levels predicted at receptors in the Class I area. Any state with a modeled annual average sulfate ion impact greater than 2% of all modeled sulfate ion impacts was considered to have "significant impacts" for purposes of consultation on long-term strategies and reasonable progress goals.

Initial letter from New Hampshire requesting Indiana's participation in regional consultations.



The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner

April 4, 2007



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Dear ^{Tom} Commissioner Easterly:

As you are aware, New Hampshire is home to two Class I areas as designated under Section 169A of the U.S. federal Clean Air Act. The Great Gulf and the Presidential Range – Dry River Class I areas are located on the beautiful slopes of Mt. Washington, the highest point in the Northeastern United States. While this area is renowned for having some of the most challenging weather in the world, it also is known for providing very impressive vistas, that is, when visibility is not impaired by air pollution. Fortunately for those who visit this region and for those who live and work there, the Regional Haze rule requires that these areas and 154 others nationwide gradually improve visibility, with a goal of achieving natural conditions by 2064. While this ultimate goal is decades away, we begin today by taking reasonable actions and by partnering in consultation with states and Canadian provinces, as needed, to begin planning to take the first steps toward meeting this goal. I write today because we have identified your state or province as one that needs to be part of our collective solution to regional haze in New Hampshire.

According to the Clean Air Act, all U.S. states must submit State Implementation Plans (SIPs) by December 2007 for regional haze, regardless of whether they are home to a Class I area. Under the Act's section 169A (including regulations at 40 CFR 51.300), the regional haze SIP must demonstrate that reasonable progress will be made at nearby Class I areas at 10-year intervals, beginning in 2018. The regulations of 40 CFR 51.308(d)(1)(iv) specify that states with Class I areas should develop reasonable progress goals for their Class I areas and associated measures to meet those goals, in consultation with any jurisdiction that may reasonably cause or contribute to visibility impairment in those areas. The Federal Land Managers for the Class I area are also required to be consulted in this process.

While it is believed by the scientific community that every U.S. state contributes in some way to air pollution in The Great Gulf and the Presidential Range – Dry River Class I areas, we have limited our requests for consultations to only those states and Canadian provinces that our analyses indicate have the potential for contributions over certain thresholds for PM_{2.5} and/or sulfate to regional haze in our Class I areas. Beyond this, we are asking all states within our own Regional Planning Organization, the Mid-Atlantic

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Northeast – Visibility Union (MANE-VU) to consult with us. Because we have asked you to join us in consultation does not necessarily imply that we will be asking for air pollution control beyond measures you may have already identified as necessary for your own state for ozone and PM_{2.5} ambient air standard attainment. By joining us, you can help us shape our regional haze progress goals for 2018 and help play a part in determining the best way to meet those goals for the New Hampshire Class I areas.

We, or a representative from MANE-VU, will be contacting you soon to arrange a consultation meeting. Thank you for your anticipated participation in this consultation and we look forward to working with you and your staff. Should you have any questions, please contact Jeff Underhill of my staff at 603-271-1370 (or email: junderhill@des.state.nh.us).

Sincerely Yours,



Thomas S. Burack
Commissioner

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Initial letter from New Jersey requesting Indiana's participation in regional consultations.

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March 15, 2007

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Dear Mr. Easterly,

New Jersey is home to an area designated as a Class I area under Section 169A of the federal Clean Air Act, namely the Brigantine Wilderness area of the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge. This area is one of 156 Class I areas located throughout the United States. Among the Class I areas in the eastern United States are the Otter Creek Wilderness area in West Virginia, Shenandoah National Park in Virginia, the Cape Romain Wilderness area in South Carolina and Acadia National Park in Maine. States with Class I areas are required to maintain and improve visibility in these areas to achieve natural background conditions by the year 2064. Existing visibility impairment in these Class I areas, also called regional haze, is caused by many sources located over a wide region.

All States, regardless of whether they are home to a Class I area, must prepare a State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Regional Haze by December, 2007, to meet the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) rules implementing Section 169A of the Clean Air Act (40 CFR 51.300). This Regional Haze SIP must demonstrate that reasonable progress towards improved visibility at the nearby Class I area will be made by certain milestone years. The first milestone year is 2018. The regulations at 40 CFR 51.308 (d) (1) (iv) require States with Class I areas to develop reasonable progress goals in consultation with any State that may reasonably cause or contribute to visibility impairment in the Class I area. This letter is part of New Jersey's consultation process for improving visibility at Brigantine.

Thus we are seeking your consultation on the reasonable progress goal and development of a coordinated emissions management strategy. For the purpose of establishing reasonable progress goals for the first Regional Haze SIP, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection has identified several States that may reasonably contribute to visibility impairment at Brigantine¹ or

¹ From the report entitled "Contributions to Regional Haze in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic United States", prepared by NESCAUM for the Mid-Atlantic / Northeast Visibility Union (MANE-VU), August 2006.

that are members of the Mid-Atlantic Northeast -Visibility Union (MANE-VU) planning organization. These States and the reason for their inclusion in our first consultation process are listed in the attached Table 1.

Future regulations to control air pollutant emissions that affect visibility must be evaluated and included in our Regional Haze SIPs before setting this first reasonable progress goal for the year 2018. To be as inclusive as possible in this important planning process, this letter is being sent to all States within the eastern United States. We plan to focus our initial planning efforts, and to jointly develop a coordinated emission management strategy to meet the first reasonable progress goal of this first round of SIP development, on the States identified in Table 1.

Regardless of whether your State has been identified as causing or contributing to visibility impairment at the Brigantine Wilderness area, you are invited to send a representative of your State to future meetings to be scheduled through our respective Regional Planning Organizations. At these meetings, establishment of the first reasonable progress goal for the Class I areas of the northeastern United States will be specifically discussed. New Jersey will be working with your State through MANE-VU, a regional planning group formed to coordinate and facilitate the regional haze SIP activities. MANE-VU will also be working with other Regional Planning Organizations (RPOs) to which your State may belong (i.e.; the Mid-West RPO or VISTAS). Please send us the name, address and telephone number of the appropriate person within your organization to contact to inform them of the particulars of the first meeting. Please send this to Ray Papalski, 401 East State Street, P. O. Box 418, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0418.

Should your staff have any questions on this request or on the technical aspects of this letter, please call Ray Papalski at (609) 633-7225 or e-mail him at ray.papalski@dep.state.nj.us. Should you have any questions on New Jersey's plans for the consultation process, please call Mr. Chris Salmi of my staff at (609) 292-6710. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation, and we look forward to working with you and your staff in the near future.

Sincerely yours,



Lisa P. Jackson
Commissioner

Attachment

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Table 1**States to be Consulted on Establishing New Jersey's Class I Area 2018 Reasonable Progress Goals**

<u>State Name (alphabetical order)</u>	<u>Technique / Reason for Inclusion²</u>
Connecticut	MANE-VU member
Delaware	MANE-VU member
District of Columbia	MANE-VU member
Georgia	> 0.1 ug/m ³ or > 2% Sulfate Contribution
Illinois	> 0.1 ug/m ³ or > 2% Sulfate Contribution
Indiana	3 of 5 techniques (Q/D, Calpuff 1 & 2)
Kentucky	> 0.1 ug/m ³ or > 2% Sulfate Contribution
Maine	MANE-VU member
Maryland	4 of 5 techniques (Q/D, Remsad, Calpuff 1 & 2)
Massachusetts	MANE-VU member
Michigan	> 0.1 ug/m ³ or > 2% Sulfate Contribution
New Hampshire	MANE-VU member
New York	4 of 5 techniques (Q/D, Remsad, Calpuff 1 & 2)
North Carolina	4 of 5 techniques (Q/D, Remsad, Calpuff 1 & 2)
Ohio	All techniques
Pennsylvania	All techniques
Rhode Island	MANE-VU member
South Carolina	> 0.1 ug/m ³ or > 2% Sulfate Contribution
Tennessee	> 0.1 ug/m ³ or > 2% Sulfate Contribution
Vermont	MANE-VU member
Virginia	4 of 5 techniques (Q/D, Remsad, Calpuff 1 & 2)
West Virginia	All techniques

Letter from MANE VU Regional Planning Organization requesting Indiana's participation in regional consultations.

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July 10, 2007

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Delaware

District of Columbia

Maine

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Dear Mr. Easterly,

On behalf of New Jersey, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Maine, the Mid-Atlantic/Northeast Visibility Union (MANE-VU) States with Class I areas, I am pleased to invite you to our upcoming State-to-State consultation call and meetings. We are holding these events in order to comply with the consultation requirements specified in 40 CFR, Part 51, and in accordance with the Inter-RPO Consultation Framework that MANE-VU approved at its May 5, 2005 Board Meeting.

Our goal for these and future consultation calls and meetings is to help states exchange and understand information regarding visibility issues in MANE-VU Class I areas, and to facilitate States' working together to develop acceptable approaches and policies for improving visibility.

After reviewing technical analyses the MANE-VU Class I states have formulated some ideas on the types and amounts of emissions reductions that are reasonable and, therefore, necessary to achieve reasonable progress in improving visibility at MANE-VU Class I areas. Due to the downwind location of MANE-VU Class I areas, these emissions reductions would be from states both within and outside the MANE-VU region. We know that you have also been working hard to address the visibility issues facing your own region's Class I areas. The consultation calls and meetings we engage in over the next several weeks will allow us to compare our work and findings, discuss what adjustments may be appropriate, and provide an opportunity to develop mutually beneficial solutions.

MANE-VU has been working closely with the Midwest Regional Planning Organization (MRPO) to find mutually convenient dates and times for these events, and we hope that you will be able to participate in these discussions. The schedule of calls and meetings that have been planned are as follows:

- Open Technical Call on July 19, 2007 from 10 am – 12:30 pm EDT, 9:00 am – 11:30 am CDT (call-in number 1-866-537-1634, passcode 7545482#); and

- In-person Consultation Meeting on August 6, 2007 (still to be confirmed) in Chicago, IL from 10:00 am – 3:30 pm CDT.

The purpose of the Open Technical Call on July 19th is to provide a forum for States/staff from all three RPOs to summarize their technical analyses and findings, and to discuss the initial ideas on the types and amounts of reductions that may be needed to achieve reasonable progress. The call is open to all States and Tribes in the MANE-VU, MRPO, and VISTAS regions, and open to all levels of participation (Commissioner/Secretary, Air Director and staff), as well as to representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Federal Land Manager agencies.

The purpose of the in-person Consultation Meeting on August 6th is to have State-to-State policy discussions based on the technical analyses and findings presented during the Open Technical Call. We anticipate that at this meeting we will go into greater depth in our discussion of the types of actions and reductions necessary to achieve reasonable progress, in accordance with the requirements of the Regional Haze Rule. The meeting is open to all States and tribes in the MANE-VU and MRPO regions, as well as to representatives from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Federal Land Manager agencies. We welcome all levels of State and Tribal participation, but it will be particularly important to have decision-makers in attendance who can engage in meaningful discussions with other States and Tribes on policies and solutions to the visibility issues affecting the Class I areas.

As both the Open Technical Call and the in-person Consultation Meeting are government-to-government transactions, stakeholders are not to participate.

Attached are draft agendas for the Open Technical Call and the in-person Consultation Meeting. We are circulating these drafts for your review and comment, and will work with the MRPO to revise as necessary to facilitate our discussions.

In addition, attached is the draft table of contents for a briefing book which will contain summaries of the technical analyses and work that MANE-VU has performed. We will be developing these briefing books and getting them to you in advance for your use during the Open Technical Call and Consultation Meeting.

Finally, we are attaching a copy of four actions recently approved by MANE-VU. The first is a Resolution by the MANE-VU States with Class I areas outlining the principles they will follow in implementing the Regional Haze Rule. The second is a Statement that lays out a course of action that MANE-VU, as a region, will pursue toward assuring reasonable progress.

The third is a Statement that outlines the MANE-VU States' initial request for a course of action by States outside of the MANE-VU region toward assuring reasonable progress at our Class I areas. The course of action described is intended as a starting point for our discussions, and will be examined in light of the technical work and findings provided by or on behalf of the affected States during the Open Technical Call and the in-person Consultation Meeting. The fourth of these attachments is a request that we are making of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to work with the eastern Regional Planning Organizations to develop a national proposal to achieve additional cost-effective SO₂ reductions. MANE-VU would welcome support from other RPOs for this request for EPA action.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the scheduling or logistics of the call or meeting, or generally about the consultation process. On behalf of the MANE-VU States, I look forward to working with you and the MRPO to develop an informative and productive consultation process of that yields mutually beneficial results.

Sincerely,



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Acting Executive Director

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Ken Ritter, Indiana DEM
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Enclosures