Notice of Intent
To Amend the
State Implementation Plan
For Air Pollution Control
Relating to the Reduction of Regional Haze

North Dakota
Department of Health

will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Control of Air Pollution for the State of North Dakota which address Regional Haze in the Federal Class I areas.

Environmental Training Center
2639 East Main Avenue
Bismarck, ND
January 7, 2010
9:00 a.m. CST

A copy of the proposed SIP revision may be viewed at the Department's website at www.ndhealth.gov/AQ/RegionalHaze/. A copy of the proposed SIP revision may be obtained by writing to the North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Air Quality, 918 E Divide Avenue, Second Floor, Bismarck, ND 58501-1947 or calling (701)328-5188. Written comments may be submitted to the above address from December 8, 2009 through January 8, 2010. The SIP revision addresses requirements on sources to reduce regional haze (visibility impairment) in Theodore Roosevelt National Park (TRNP) and Lostwood Wilderness Area (LWA). The SIP revision includes a Permit to Construct for each of five electric utility steam generating plants which establishes limits for sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides that are intended to improve visibility impairment in TRNP and LWA.

The National Park Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Land Managers for TRNP and LWA respectively, as well as the U.S. Forest Service have provided comments on the draft Regional Haze SIP revision. The comments and the Department's response to those comments are found in Appendix J.1 of the SIP revision. These documents may be accessed at the website listed above or by contacting the Department.

If you plan to attend the hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department of Health at the above address at least seven days prior to the hearing.

Dated this 25th day of November 2009
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Director, Division of Air Quality