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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
EPA Docket Center
Docket ID Number: EPA-R09-OAR-2024-0005
Mail Code 28221T
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20460

Re: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "Partial Approval and Disapproval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Arizona; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan for the Second Implementation Period and Prong 4 (Visibility) for the 2015 Ozone and 2012 Particulate Matter Standards", Docket ID Number: EPA-R09-OAR-2024-0005

To whom it may concern:

ADEQ appreciates the opportunity to comment on EPA's proposed "Partial Approval and Disapproval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Arizona; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan for the Second Implementation Period and Prong 4 (Visibility) for the 2015 Ozone and 2012 Particulate Matter Standards" 89 FR 47398 (May 31, 2024).

EPA's proposed rule established a deadline of July 1, 2024 for public comment. ADEQ is requesting that EPA extend the comment period because the proposal is technically complex and involves requirements related to the protection of visibility and multiple infrastructure state implementation plans (SIP). ADEQ's analysis of the proposed action will require detailed technical, permit, and legal review coordinated across multiple agency sections. A thorough review of the proposed action and development of a detailed substantive comment letter will require more time than the 31-day comment period initially provided in the proposed action.

ADEQ requests that EPA extend the public comment period by at least 60-days and notify the public of the extension as soon as possible and well in advance of the July 1 deadline so commenters may make full use of the additional time.

ADEQ appreciates EPA's need for adequate time to consider comments, conduct any additional analyses, develop the final rule package, and complete agency and interagency reviews. However, this need should also be balanced against the public's interest to have adequate time to consider and

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respond to EPA's complex proposal with more thorough and detailed comments. ADEQ believes that 31 days is insufficient time for public comment, especially given the complexity of the proposal.

ADEQ appreciates the opportunity to provide these comments on EPA's Arizona Regional Haze and Ozone/PM_{2.5} Infrastructure SIP proposed action. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Czecholinski, Air Quality Division Director, at 602-771-4684 or czecholinski.daniel@azdeq.gov.

Thank you for your consideration of ADEQ's comments.

Sincerely,

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