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These comments are directed to Project Number 2007-016-SP-NR the propose Regional Haze SIP revisions.

I live in San Antonio, but I go to West Texas (Big Bend, Alpine, Marfa, Ft. Davis, the Observatory) about every two months, and have done so for the last forty years. I have been alarmed and saddened by the deterioration of the air quality of this once pristine area, one of the few in the U.S.

I am very disappointed in TCEQs failure to propose regional haze SIP revisions that will result in reasonable progress toward meeting the national goal of achieving natural visibility in our national parks by 2064. That is not soon enough. WHY NOT JUST BE REALISTIC, AND admit that you might as well admit it and SAY "NEVER". The inadequacy of your regional haze SIP will mean that Guadalupe Mountains National Park would not achieve natural visibility until 2081, and Big Bend National Park would not achieve clear air until 2155. Moreover, national parks and/or wilderness areas in nearby states are being affected by lack of adequate air pollution control on Texas sources.

While I realize that some of the sources of air pollutants that affect the national parks in Texas are from other states and even other countries, even your own calculations indicate that ROUGHLY HALF OF THE POLLUTION COMES FROM THE STATE OF TEXAS ITSELF. Despite that, your regional haze SIP calls for no new air pollution control strategies to directly address the haze issue. You are relying only on existing state and federal requirements on air polluters that address other issues; and the result is our national parks will suffer from poor air quality long after the air should have been cleared.

PLEASE REWRITE YOUR PROPOSED REGIONAL HAZE SIP TO INCLUDE SPECIFIC AIR POLLUTION CONTROL MEASURES TO PROTECT THE PRECIOUS, DELICATE AND FRAGILE FLORA AND FAUNA FROM THE LONG TERM DAMAGE THAT MAY NEVER BE UNDONE.

Thanks for the opportunity to submit these comments.

Sincerely,

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I urge you to take back your proposed regional haze SIP and rewrite it to include specific air pollution control measures that will move us closer toward the national goal to clear the air in our national parks in Texas and also in neighboring states.

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