

Comments on
PM 2.5 SIP for Imperial County

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This is an excellent, and thorough plan. It is comprehensive with respect to the multiple sources of PM pollution in Imperial County, and more complex than many SIP mitigation plans in that it takes into consideration the ongoing issue of atmospheric transport into the United States. The latter circumstance is beyond the control of a state or local AQ agency, and the ongoing cooperation with Mexican environmental authorities offers a great example of international coordination on environmental issues.

Furthermore, the State Implementation Plan illustrates the value of coordinated work between local Air Districts, the CEHTP, the University of Washington and environmental health groups. The Comite Civico del Valle's contribution, including the low-cost AQ monitors and the app, gives the residents of the Imperial Valley significant information despite the region's numerous environmental challenges.