

# Rule History

## Title 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 115

### Batch Processes

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#### Introduction

The official version of the rules in [Chapter 115, Subchapter B, Division 6](#) is available on the Secretary of State's website.

Each revision is identified by the date the commission adopted the changes. When available, the rule project number, which is the unique identification number from the rules tracking database for the specific rule project, is also provided for reference.

The *Texas Register* publications of the rule proposal and adoption are given for each revision. The proposed rules are approved by the commissioners to be published in the *Texas Register* for public comment. Once adopted by the commissioners, the rules are republished as final in the *Texas Register*.

These rules are submitted for United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approval as part of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) control strategy to meet the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for ozone. Links to the *Federal Register* publication of the EPA's approval of these rules and the associated SIP revisions are also included.

The summary information includes the affected sections of the rule, the counties affected, the compliance date, and a brief description of the rule revisions. If the adopted rule does not provide for additional time to comply with any new or revised requirements then compliance with any rule revisions is required by the effective date of the rulemaking.

## Rule Project Adopted on 09/28/2005

### Rule project number 2005-017-115-EN

Proposal: [30 TexReg 3078](#) (05/27/2005)

Adoption: [30 TexReg 6738](#) (10/14/2005)

Date submitted to EPA: 10/15/2005

EPA approval: [74 FR 33146](#) (07/10/2009)

Sections affected:

- Amended: 115.167 and 115.169

Area affected:

- Beaumont–Port Arthur (BPA) area (Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties)

Compliance date: 12/31/2006 (Effective date: 10/20/2005)

Summary:

The rulemaking revises the exemption levels from 100 tons per year (tpy) of volatile organic compounds (VOC) to 50 tpy of VOC for sources in the BPA area as a result of the area's reclassification to a serious nonattainment area under the one-hour ozone NAAQS.

This rulemaking ensures that affected major sources meet federal reasonably available control technology (RACT) requirements.

This rulemaking is part of the [BPA 1997 Eight-Hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration SIP Revision \(2005-020-SIP-NR\)](#) (09/28/2005).

## Rule Project Adopted on 12/13/2002

### Rule project number 2002-046b-115-AI

Proposal: [27 TexReg 5394](#) (06/21/2002)

Adoption: [28 TexReg 113](#) (01/03/2003)

Date submitted to EPA: 01/28/2003

EPA approval: [73 FR 10383](#) (02/27/2008)

Sections affected:

- Amended: 115.160, 115.161, 115.166, and 115.167

Areas affected:

- BPA area (Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties)
- Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) area (Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller Counties)

Compliance date: 12/31/2006 (Effective date: 01/17/2003)

Summary:

The rulemaking clarifies that the new rules for highly-reactive volatile organic compounds (HRVOC) adopted concurrently in 30 TAC Chapter 115, Subchapter H apply in addition to the batch processes rules.

The rulemaking deletes the definition for semi-continuous and increases record retention time from two years to five years.

This rulemaking is part of the [HGB Attainment SIP Revision \(2002-046-SIP-AI\)](#) (12/13/2002).

## Rule Project Adopted on 04/26/2002

### Rule project number 2002-037-115-AI

Proposal: [27 TexReg 49](#) (01/04/2002)

Adoption: [27 TexReg 4113](#) (05/10/2002)

Date submitted to EPA: 07/18/2002

EPA approval: [73 FR 10383](#) (02/27/2008)

Sections affected:

- Amended: 115.161 and 115.169

Areas affected:

- BPA area (Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties)
- HGB area (Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller Counties)

Compliance date: Not applicable (Effective date: 05/16/2002)

Summary:

The rulemaking assures those vent gas streams subject to 30 TAC Chapter 115, Subchapter B, Division 2, remain controlled under the vent gas rules if they are exempted from the control requirements in this division.

The rulemaking clarifies that affected sources are required to comply with testing, monitoring, recordkeeping requirements, and demonstrations of mass emission rates and flow rates.

## Rule Project Adopted on 12/06/2000

### Rule project number 2000-011i-115-AI

Proposal: [25 TexReg 8253](#) (08/25/2000)

Adoption: [26 TexReg 493](#) (01/12/2001)

Date submitted to EPA: 12/20/2000

EPA approval: [66 FR 36913](#) (07/16/2001)

Sections affected:

- Amended: 115.161, 115.162, 115.164–115.167 and 115.169

Area affected:

- HGB area (Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller Counties)

Compliance date: 12/31/2002 (Effective date: 01/18/2001)

Summary:

The rulemaking applies the rules for batch processes to sources in the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria area that emit at least 25 tpy of VOC. The rulemaking satisfies federal RACT requirements.

This rulemaking is part of the [HGB Attainment SIP Revision \(2000-011-SIP-AI\)](#) (12/06/2000).

## Rule Project Adopted on 10/27/1999

### Rule project number 1999-019-115-AI

Proposal: [24 TexReg 5413](#) (07/16/1999)

Adoption: [24 TexReg 10095](#) (11/12/1999)

Date submitted to EPA: 11/12/1999

EPA approval: [65 FR 79745](#) (12/20/2000)

Sections affected:

- New: 115.160–115.167 and 115.169

Area affected:

- BPA area (Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties)

Compliance date: 12/31/2001 (Effective date: 11/18/1999)

Summary:

This rulemaking creates new to control VOC emissions from batch processes at sources with at least 100 tpy of VOC emissions. The rulemaking implements reasonably available control technology requirements based on the EPA's 1994 *Control of Volatile Organic Compound Emissions from Batch Processes* Alternative Control Techniques document ([EPA-453/R-93-017](#)).

This rulemaking is part of the [BPA One-Hour Ozone Attainment SIP Revision \(1999-018-SIP-AI\)](#) (10/27/1999).