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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will conduct a public hearing to receive testimony regarding proposed revisions to the state implementation plan (SIP) under the requirements of Texas Health and Safety Code, §382.017; Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B; and 40 Code of Federal Regulations §51.102 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) concerning SIPs.

The proposed SIP revision would satisfy the Regional Haze Rule requirements to submit a progress report for the mandatory Class I federal areas in the state in the form of SIP revisions every five years (40 CFR §51.308(g)). According to the rule, the deadline for Texas to submit a five-year regional haze SIP revision is March 19, 2014, five years after submittal of the initial regional haze SIP revision. Section 51.308(g) provides that the report must evaluate improvement towards the reasonable progress goal for each Class I area located within the state and in each Class I area outside the state that may be affected by emissions from Texas.

The commission will hold a public hearing on this proposal in Austin on September 24, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. in Building E, Room 201, at the commission's central office located at 12100 Park 35 Circle. The hearing is structured for the receipt of oral or written comments by interested persons. Individuals may present oral statements when called upon in order of registration. Open discussion will not be permitted during the hearing; however, commission staff members will be available to discuss the proposal 30 minutes prior to the hearing.

Persons who have special communication or other accommodation needs who are planning to attend the hearing should contact Joyce Spencer-Nelson, Air Quality Division at (512) 239-5017. Requests should be made as far in advance as possible.

Written comments may be submitted to Margaret Earnest, MC 206, Air Quality Division, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or faxed to (512) 239-6188. Electronic comments may be submitted at: <http://www5.tceq.texas.gov/rules/ecomments>. File size restrictions may apply to comments being submitted via the *eComments* system. All comments should reference Non-Rule Project Number 2013-013-SIP-NR. The public comment period closes on October 1, 2013. Federal Land Manager comments will be available on August 21, 2013. Copies of the proposed SIP and Federal Land Manager comments can be obtained from the commission's Web site at [http://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/bart/haze\\_sip.html](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/bart/haze_sip.html). For further information, please contact Margaret Earnest, Air Quality Planning, (512) 239-4581.

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