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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BY THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO 30 TAC CHAPTERS 101 AND 117 AND TO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will conduct public hearings to receive testimony regarding proposed revisions to 30 TAC Chapter 101, General Air Quality Rules and Chapter 117, Control of Air Pollution From Nitrogen Compounds, and corresponding 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, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) concerning SIPs.

The proposed rulemaking would repeal all rules pertaining to the System Cap Trading program specified in Chapter 101, Subchapter H, Division 5, §§101.380, 101.382, 101.383, and 101.385. In addition, §§117.1020, 117.1120, 117.1220, 117.3020, and 117.9800, relating to System Cap rules, would be amended to remove references to the Chapter 101 System Cap Trading program.

Public hearings on this proposal will be held at the following times and locations: in Houston on November 15, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room C at the Houston-Galveston Area Council located at 3555 Timmons Lane; and in Austin on November 17, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Building E, Room 201S, at the commission's central office located at 12100 Park 35 Circle. The hearings will be structured for the receipt of oral or written comments by interested persons. Registration will begin 30 minutes prior to each hearing. Individuals may present oral statements when called upon in order of registration. There will be no open discussion during the hearings; however, commission staff members will be available to discuss the proposals 30 minutes before the hearings.

Persons planning to attend the hearings who have special communication or other accommodation needs should contact Sandy Wong, Office of Legal Services at (512) 239-1802. Requests should be made as far in advance as possible.

Comments may be submitted to Charlotte Horn, Texas Register Team, Office of Legal Services, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, MC 205, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or faxed to (512) 239-4808. 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 Rule Project Number 2011-018-101-EN. The comment period closes November 21, 2011. Copies of the proposed rules can be obtained from the commission's Web site at http://www.tceq.texas.gov/nav/rules/propose_adopt.html. For further information, please contact Shantha Daniel, Air Quality Planning Section, (512) 239-3930.