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Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission
Permanent Rule Change

Rule Log No. 96179-112-AI
Fossil Fuel-Fired Steam Generators

Chapter 112
Control of Air Pollution from Sulfur Compounds

1. Purpose. This change transmittal provides the page(s) that reflect changes and additions to the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (commission) Volume of Permanent Rules.
2. Explanation of Change. The commission adopted an amendment to §112.8, concerning Allowable Emission Rates From Solid Fossil Fuel-Fired Steam Generators by deleting subsection (c). Section 112.8, as published in the April 4, 1997, issue of the Texas Register (22 TexReg 3280), was adopted without changes and will not be republished.
3. Effect of Change. In September 1992, the Texas Air Control Board (TACB) amended §112.8 to require owners of solid fossil fuel-fired steam generators of greater than 1,500 million British thermal units (MMBtu) heat input per hour to conduct a study of the sulfur dioxide (SO₂) emissions from these units and the effect on winter haze in the Dallas/Fort Worth (DFW) area. The purpose of the study was to determine if reductions in SO₂ emissions from these units would result in a significant reduction in the winter haze. The TACB or its successor was to make a finding on the study by October 31, 1996. The study has been submitted and the finding of the commission was that SO₂ reductions from the affected units would not significantly affect visibility in DFW. Because of this finding, the units will not be required to meet the emission standard of 1.2 pounds of SO₂ per MMBtu heat input by July 31, 2000 contained in §112.8(c). Instead, the emission standard will remain at 3.0 pounds per MMBtu. Therefore, §112.8(c) has no further application and the commission rescinds subsection (c). Subsequently subsections §112.8(d) and (e) were renumbered as subsections (c) and (d).