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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

April 23, 2018

Ms. Sherry Fuerst  
Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 (GPD-S)  
1445 Ross Avenue  
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

Re: Docket No. EPA-R06-OAR-2015-0843

Dear Ms. Fuerst:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed approval of the Texas state implementation plan revision related to Infrastructure and Interstate Transport for the 2012 primary fine particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) for Texas, as published in the *Federal Register* on March 22, 2018.

The TCEQ supports the EPA's proposed approval that Texas meets its infrastructure and transport obligations for the 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS. However, we note that the EPA is not taking action on the Federal Clean Air Act (FCAA), Section 110(a)(2)(D)(i)(II) provision for interstate visibility protection. Neither the notice nor the associated technical support document provides explanation as to why the EPA is not acting on this provision. The TCEQ believes that Texas is meeting all FCAA, Section 110(a)(2) infrastructure and transport requirements for the 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Steve Hagle, P.E., Deputy Director, Office of Air, at 512-239-1295 or [steve.hagle@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:steve.hagle@tceq.texas.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Bergeron Perdue".

Stephanie Bergeron Perdue  
Interim Executive Director

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