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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

September 9, 2015

Ms. Mary Stanton  
Air State and Tribal Operations Section (6PD-S)  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200  
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

Re: Docket No. EPA-R06-OAR-2014-0259

*Federal Register*, Vol. 80, No. 159, August 18, 2015: Clean Air Act Redesignation Substitute for the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria 1-hour Ozone Nonattainment Area; Texas

Dear Ms. Stanton:

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 Redesignation Substitute demonstration for the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) One-Hour Ozone Standard Nonattainment Area.

The TCEQ supports the EPA's proposed approval of this redesignation substitute demonstration and the EPA's analysis, which concludes that the HGB area has attained the revoked one-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) due to permanent and enforceable emission reductions and that it will maintain that standard for 10 years from the EPA's approval of this demonstration. The TCEQ agrees that the EPA's final approval of this demonstration would serve as a redesignation substitute under the EPA's implementing regulations (80 FR 12264) and that Texas would no longer be required to adopt any additional applicable one-hour ozone NAAQS requirements for the HGB area that have not already been approved into the state implementation plan.

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 "Richard A. Hyde".

Richard A. Hyde, P.E.  
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