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## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

*Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution*

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United States Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards  
Mail Code: C504-06  
Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27711

Attn: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2013-0566

Re: Comments on the EPA's draft *Risk and Exposure Assessment for the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Sulfur Oxides, External Review Draft* (draft REA) and the *Policy Assessment for the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Sulfur Oxides, External Review Draft* (draft PA).

To Whom It May Concern:

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) appreciates the opportunity to respond to the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) request for comments in the notice published in the September 18, 2017, edition of the Federal Register entitled: "*Release of Draft Documents Related to the Review of the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Sulfur Oxides.*" With this announcement, the EPA released the draft *Risk and Exposure Assessment for the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Sulfur Oxides, External Review Draft* and the *Policy Assessment for the Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Sulfur Oxides, External Review Draft*.

Enclosed, please find the TCEQ's detailed comments to the referenced EPA documents. If there are any questions concerning the TCEQ's comments, please contact Ms. Lindsey Jones, Toxicology Division, at 512-239-1784 or [lindsey.jones@tceq.texas.gov](mailto:lindsey.jones@tceq.texas.gov). We look forward to working with EPA throughout this process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R A Hyde".

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Executive Director

Enclosure