

## **TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) UPDATE OCTOBER 14, 2010, SETPMTc MEETING**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) signed a final rule on September 30, 2010, approving a request by the TCEQ to redesignate the Beaumont-Port Arthur (BPA) area to attainment for the 1997 eight-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS). The EPA's determination to redesignate signifies that the BPA area has met all of the applicable Federal Clean Air Act (FCAA) requirements for the purpose of redesignation to attainment, including a plan that shows that the area will continue to attain the standard through 2021.

With redesignation to attainment for the 1997 eight-hour ozone standard and determination of attainment for the one-hour ozone standard, current strategies to reduce ozone in the BPA area will remain in place. However, no new ozone reduction strategies will have to be developed for the 1997 eight-hour ozone standard or the one-hour ozone standard as long as the area continues to monitor ozone levels below the 1997 eight-hour ozone standard.

The commissioners will consider the 2010 nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>2</sub>) NAAQS designation recommendation at the November 18, 2010, agenda. State designation recommendations are due to the EPA on January 10, 2011. More information is available at the [NO<sub>2</sub> Web site](#).

<http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/implementation/air/sip/texas-sip/criteria-pollutants/sip-no2>

Written comments on potential ozone nonattainment area boundaries and designations for the EPA's proposed 2010 ozone air quality standards will be accepted until close of business November 8, 2010. For instructions on how to submit comments and updated information, please check the [TCEQ's Web page](#).

<http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/implementation/air/aqps/eighthour.html>

The TCEQ's [SIP Web site](#) has been reorganized to be more user friendly and has a new Web address. <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/implementation/air/sip/texas-sip>

The TCEQ is now accepting grant applications for the New Technology Research and Development (NTRD) Grants Program until November 22, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. This special program differs from the regular TERP grants in that the grants are made to developers of emission reduction technologies rather than the users of such technologies. Funding may be used for research, development, testing, demonstration, and certification or verification of emission reduction technologies. Eligible projects may target a variety of emission sources and equipment, including mobile and stationary sources. Forms and additional information are available on the [TERP Web site](#). [www.terpgrants.org](http://www.terpgrants.org).