

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) UPDATE JULY 21, 2014 SET PMTC MEETING

Emissions Inventory (EI) State Implementation Plan (SIP) Revision for the 2008 Eight-Hour Ozone Standard for the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) and Dallas-Fort Worth Areas

On July 2, 2014, the commission adopted the EI SIP Revision for the 2008 Eight-Hour Ozone Standard (Non-rule Project No. 2013-016-SIP-NR). Documents are available on the [Air Pollution from Ozone](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/airquality/sip/criteria-pollutants/sip-ozone) Web page (<http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/airquality/sip/criteria-pollutants/sip-ozone>).

Monitoring Network Announcements

The TCEQ established the Air Monitoring Network Announcements GovDelivery topic. Subscribers to this new topic will receive free email and/or text message announcements and notices of opportunities for public comment on topics related to the air monitoring network in Texas. To receive these updates, please visit the govdelivery [link](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXTCEQ/subscriber/new?) (<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/TXTCEQ/subscriber/new?>) and select your subscription type (Email or SMS/Text Message), enter your email address or wireless number, and click *Go*. Once signed in, select Air Monitoring Network Announcements under the Air Quality section and click *Save*.

2013 Data Certification for Ozone and Particulate Matter of 2.5 Microns or Less (PM_{2.5})

In a May 30, 2014 letter, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) informed the TCEQ of its determination that TCEQ's early 2013 certification of PM_{2.5} data for Galveston and Harris Counties and ozone data for Brazoria, Galveston, Harris, and Montgomery Counties met all the data quality requirements. The EPA has entered evaluation flags in the Air Quality System database for 2013 to indicate that the data certification process has been completed for the PM_{2.5} and ozone monitors in these counties.

Redesignation Substitute for the Revoked One-Hour Ozone Standard

Because 2011 through 2013 data show that the HGB area is monitoring attainment of the revoked one-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS), the TCEQ is developing a redesignation substitute report based on the EPA's *Implementation of the 2008 NAAQS for Ozone: State Implementation Plan Requirements; Proposed Rule* published in the June 6, 2013 *Federal Register* (78 FR 34178). According to the EPA's proposed 2008 ozone standard SIP requirements rule, a state can provide a showing, termed a redesignation substitute, based on Federal Clean Air Act, §107(d)(3)(E) redesignation criteria to demonstrate that an area qualifies for lifting anti-backsliding obligations under a standard. This report is anticipated to be submitted to the EPA in July 2014.

The TCEQ is also developing a redesignation substitute SIP revision to follow this report. Although the redesignation substitute is not required to be submitted as a SIP revision based on the proposed 2008 ozone standard SIP requirements rule, the TCEQ plans to take this more formal action to help ensure the plan's approval by the EPA. The SIP revision is scheduled to be proposed in November 2014 and submitted to the EPA in July 2015.