

## **TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) UPDATE OCTOBER 19, 2015 SET PMTC MEETING**

### Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) Redesignation Substitute for the One-Hour Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)

- On August 18, 2015, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published its proposed approval of the Redesignation Substitute for the revoked one-hour ozone NAAQS that was submitted to the EPA on July 22, 2014 by letter and attached report. The EPA's comment period closed on September 17, 2015.
- The TCEQ also developed a redesignation substitute SIP revision to follow this report, which the commissioners adopted on July 1, 2015.

### HGB Redesignation Substitute for the 1997 Eight-Hour Ozone NAAQS

- On August 18, 2015, the TCEQ submitted the HGB Redesignation Substitute Report for the revoked 1997 eight-hour ozone NAAQS to the EPA in the form of a letter and attached report.
- This redesignation substitute would satisfy the anti-backsliding obligations for the revoked 1997 eight-hour ozone standard and ensure that the substance of the redesignation requirements is met.
- The TCEQ also developed a redesignation substitute SIP revision to follow this report, which the commissioners approved for proposal on September 23, 2015.
- A public hearing is scheduled for this SIP revision on October 26, 2015 at the Houston-Galveston Area Council. The comment period closes on October 30, 2015.
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All redesignation substitute documents are available on the [HGB: Latest Ozone Planning Activities](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/airquality/sip/hgb/hgb-latest-ozone) Web page (<http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/airquality/sip/hgb/hgb-latest-ozone>).

### Request for Determination of Attainment of the 1997 Eight-Hour Ozone Standard for the Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB)

On August 17, 2015, the EPA published its proposed determination of attainment, also known as a clean data determination, for the revoked 1997 eight-hour ozone NAAQS, which the TCEQ requested on February 27, 2015, for the HGB nonattainment area based on certified 2014 annual monitoring data. The EPA's comment period closed on September 16, 2015.

### One-Year Extension of the HGB 2008 Eight-Hour Ozone Standard Attainment Date

- On August 27, 2015, the EPA published its proposal to grant a one-year attainment date extension for the HGB 2008 eight-hour ozone marginal nonattainment area to July 20, 2016 (with a 2015 attainment year) as requested by the TCEQ on February 27, 2015. The EPA's comment period closed on September 28, 2015.
- Based on preliminary 2015 monitoring data, the HGB area is not attaining the 2008 ozone NAAQS and is not eligible for a second one-year extension.
- If reclassified to moderate based on certified 2015 data, the attainment deadline would be July 20, 2018 (2017 attainment year) and a SIP revision could be due to the EPA at the end of 2017/beginning of 2018.

## Infrastructure and Transport SIP Revision for the 2012 Primary PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS

- This SIP revision is scheduled to be considered for adoption by the commissioners on November 4, 2015.
- This SIP revision outlines the requirements of Federal Clean Air Act (FCAA), §110(a)(2)(A) - (M), and the Texas provisions supporting the requirements for the 2012 PM<sub>2.5</sub> NAAQS and includes a technical demonstration to support the determination that Texas meets the interstate transport requirements of FCAA, §110(a)(2)(D)(i)(I).
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- Documents are available on the [Air Pollution from Particulate Matter](http://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/criteria-pollutants/sip-pm/#latest) Web page (<http://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/criteria-pollutants/sip-pm/#latest>).

## 2010 Sulfur Dioxide Standard

- On September 18, 2015, Texas submitted information for EPA consideration in determining designations, and a revised recommendation for 2010 SO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS designations. Attainment designations, based on air quality monitoring, are recommended for Dallas, El Paso, Ellis, Galveston, Gregg, Harris, Jefferson, Kaufman, McLennan, Navarro, and Nueces Counties. The recommended designation for each of the remaining 243 counties in Texas is unclassifiable/attainment.
- Additional information is available on the [Air Pollution from Sulfur Dioxide](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/airquality/sip/criteria-pollutants/sip-so2) Web page (<http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/airquality/sip/criteria-pollutants/sip-so2>).