

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ) UPDATE NOVEMBER 29, 2018 SET PMTC MEETING

TCEQ Staffing Announcements

- Donna F. Huff is the new Air Quality Division Director, effective August 1, 2018. Ms. Huff replaces David Brymer, who retired on July 31, 2018.
- Walker Williamson, former State Implementation Plan (SIP) Team Leader, has been selected as the new section manager for the Air Quality Planning Section, effective October 1, 2018.
- Tonya Baer will be the new Deputy of the Office of Air, effective December 1, 2018. Ms. Baer replaces Steve Hagle who is retiring on November 30, 2018.

Transport SIP Revision for the 2015 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS)

- On August 8, 2018, the commission approved the adoption of the 2015 Ozone NAAQS Transport SIP Revision (Non-Rule Project No. 2017-039-SIP-NR).
- This SIP revision includes a technical demonstration to support the determination that Texas does not contribute significantly to nonattainment or interfere with maintenance of the 2015 ozone standard in any other state.
- Additional information is available on the [Air Pollution from Ozone](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/criteria-pollutants/sip-ozone) webpage (<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/criteria-pollutants/sip-ozone>).

Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan SIP Revision One-Hour and 1997 Eight-Hour Ozone NAAQS

- The HGB Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan SIP Revision for the One-Hour and 1997 Eight-Hour Ozone NAAQS (Non-Rule Project No. 2018-026-SIP-NR) is scheduled to be considered by the commission for adoption at the December 12, 2018 Commissioners' Agenda.
- This SIP revision includes a request that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) redesignate the HGB area to attainment for the one-hour and the 1997 eight-hour ozone NAAQS and provides a maintenance plan that will ensure the area remains in attainment of both NAAQS through 2032.
- Keep updated by visiting the [HGB: Latest Ozone Planning Activities](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/hgb/hgb-latest-ozone) webpage (<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/hgb/hgb-latest-ozone>).

Beaumont-Port Arthur (BPA) Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the One-Hour Ozone NAAQS and Second 10-Year Maintenance Plan for the 1997 Eight-Hour Ozone NAAQS SIP Revision

- The BPA Redesignation Request and Maintenance Plan for the One-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area and Second 10-Year Maintenance Plan for the 1997 Eight-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area SIP revision is scheduled to be considered by the commission for adoption at the January 30, 2018 Commissioners' Agenda.
- This SIP revision includes a request that the EPA redesignate the BPA area to attainment for the one-hour ozone NAAQS and provides a maintenance plan that will ensure the area remains in attainment of the NAAQS through 2032 as well as a request that the EPA also consider this plan as a second 10-year maintenance plan for the one-hour standard. This SIP revision also includes a second 10-year maintenance plan for the 1997 eight-hour ozone NAAQS.
- For additional information, please visit the [BPA: Latest Ozone Planning Activities](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/bpa/bpa-latest-ozone) webpage (<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/bpa/bpa-latest-ozone>).

Point Source Emissions Inventory (EI)

- In anticipation of the HGB area being reclassified to serious nonattainment for the 2008 ozone NAAQS, the TCEQ is preparing to develop an attainment demonstration SIP revision. If the SIP revision is adopted, this will update the SIP emissions year, which may impact a regulated entity's ability to generate credits. SIP emissions are based on the annual EI data used in the attainment demonstration SIP modeling; for HGB point sources that are not electric generating units, 2016 will become the SIP emissions year.

- If a regulated entity (point source) needs to update its previously submitted 2016 point source EI data, revisions must be postmarked by **January 4, 2019**. A govdelivery e-mail was sent on October 1, 2018 that included further detail. Information is also available on the [Point Source Emissions Inventory](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/point-source-ei/psei.html) webpage (<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/point-source-ei/psei.html>).

Emissions Banking and Trading (EBT)

- Applications to generate Emission Reduction Credits (ERC) or Discrete Emission Reduction Credits (DERC) using the current SIP emissions years for the HGB eight-hour ozone nonattainment area are due no later than **January 18, 2019**. If the anticipated attainment demonstration SIP revision relating to the HGB area being reclassified to serious nonattainment is adopted, credit applications submitted after this deadline will be required to use the new SIP emissions years in the baseline assessment. All applications must be submitted electronically through the State of Texas Environmental Electronic Reporting System (STEERS) at <https://www3.tceq.texas.gov/steers/>. If you have questions, contact EBT staff at 512-239-4900 or by e-mail at ebt@tceq.texas.gov.

TCEQ EI Workshop

- Registration is now open for the 2019 EI Workshop on January 24, 2019 at the J. J. Pickle Research Campus in Austin, Texas.
- The workshop will include updates for the 2018 reporting year, Web-EI reporting, reporting requirements, and common emission sources. There will also be a presentation from EBT on web submissions for applications.
- To register, please go to the [Emissions Inventory Workshop](https://www.tceq.texas.gov/p2/events/industrialemissionsinventoryworkshop) webpage (<https://www.tceq.texas.gov/p2/events/industrialemissionsinventoryworkshop>).

Texas Emissions Reduction Plan (TERP)

- On November 13, 2018, the TCEQ opened the Texas Clean Fleet Program (TCFP), with \$7.7 million in grants available to encourage entities that operate large fleets of vehicles in Texas to replace diesel-powered vehicles with alternative fuel or hybrid vehicles. Applications will be accepted under the TCFP through 5 p.m., February 18, 2019.
 - The TCEQ will be hosting a TCFP webinar on January 9, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Interested parties may RSVP to the webinar by emailing name and contact information to: terp@tceq.texas.gov.
- The New Technology Implementation Grant Program is accepting applications through December 14, 2018, with \$3.6 million in grants available for projects to implement new technologies to reduce air pollutants from stationary sources in Texas.
- Both the Light-Duty Motor Vehicle Purchase or Lease Incentive Program and the Texas Natural Gas Vehicle Grant Program are accepting applications through May 31, 2019 or until allocated funds have been awarded.
- The TCEQ anticipates opening the Seaport and Rail Yard Areas Emissions Reduction Program in December 2018.
- The most recent Emissions Reduction Incentive Grants Program closed on August 15, 2018, with more than \$105 million in grant funds requested. Applications are currently being reviewed for eligibility and selection. The TCEQ anticipates awarding up to \$53 million in grants.
- Keep updated on all programs by visiting the TERP website at www.terpgrants.org.

Volkswagen (VW) Environmental Mitigation Trust

- The final plan is available on the TCEQ's Texas VW Environmental Mitigation Program webpage at www.TexasVWFund.org.