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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Protecting Texas by Reducing and Preventing Pollution

December 31, 2019

CONTACT or Air Emissions Inventory Contact
COMPANY
ADDRESS 1
ADDRESS 2
CITY, STATE ZIP

Re: Calendar Year 2019 Air Emissions Inventory Information for
Regulated Entity: REGULATED ENTITY NO Air Account: ACCOUNT NO

Dear Emissions Inventory Contact:

This letter provides notification from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) that a Calendar Year 2019 air emissions inventory (EI) for the regulated entity identified above may be required, per the reporting requirements of 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Section 101.10. Per Texas Health and Safety Code, Section 382.014, the TCEQ has the authority to request a regulated entity to submit air emissions data to develop a statewide air EI. Per 30 TAC Section 101.10, either a Calendar Year 2019 EI or written notification that the above-referenced site is not subject to the EI reporting requirements is required to be submitted by March 31, 2020, or 90 days from the date of this letter, whichever is later.

The required method for submitting an EI is through the State of Texas Environmental Electronic Reporting System (STEERS)-Air Emissions Inventory Reporting (AEIR) system, using either the interactive Web entry or text file upload. Enclosed please find the "Web-Emissions Inventory Reporting Options for the 2019 Reporting Year" that provides information on the two STEERS-AEIR reporting options and "Information for the 2019 Emissions Inventory" that provides instructions for obtaining a copy of the *Emissions Inventory Guidelines*, a list of updates for 2019, special inventory notice, and additional guidance for completing a 2019 EI.

The owner or operator on the date the inventory is due is responsible for submitting the EI. If you will not be the owner or operator on the EI due date, please contact the Emissions Assessment Section (EAS) as soon as possible.

If you have questions, please call the EAS helpline at (512) 239-1773.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kevin Cauble".

Kevin Cauble, Manager
Emissions Assessment Section
Air Quality Division

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Enclosures

Web-Emissions Inventory Reporting Options for the 2019 Reporting Year

Guidance documents and tools for both web-reporting options are available at www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/point-source-ei/psei.html.

Option One: Submit your Emissions Inventory (EI) online using the State of Texas Environmental Electronic Reporting System (STEERS) interactive website (web entry method)

Regulated entities can submit a 2019 EI through the STEERS web interface. Regulated entities can choose the “EIQ Entry” option in the Annual Emissions Inventory Report (AEIR) program area of STEERS to update and submit a 2019 EI.

Initial emissions inventories can also be submitted using the online web entry method. If the regulated entity has never submitted an EI, please contact the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Emissions Assessment Section helpline at (512) 239-1773 for assistance.

Option Two: Submit an EI text file online using STEERS (text file upload method)

Regulated entities can submit a 2019 State of Texas Air Reporting System (STARS) formatted EI text file through the STEERS web interface. Regulated entities can choose the “Upload File” option in the AEIR program area of STEERS to submit the STARS EI text file.

PLEASE NOTE: Electronically formatted EI submissions will only be accepted *through the STEERS web interface*. **To obtain the 2019 EI Extract File for a site, use the following link:**

www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/point-source-ei/emissions-inventory-extracts-for-electronic-reporting

Information for the 2019 Emissions Inventory

Why the regulated entity received this Emissions Inventory (EI) notification:

The regulated entity described in this enclosure may have received this formal written notification because:

- the regulated entity meets the reporting requirements of 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Section 101.10(a)(1)-(5) for submitting an EI; or
- the regulated entity is being requested to submit an EI under the special EI provisions of 30 TAC Section 101.10(b)(3).

The official version of 30 TAC Section 101.10 is located at the Secretary of State's website at www.sos.texas.gov/tac/index.shtml. An EI Reporting Requirements Map with a Summary Table is located at the Point Source Emissions Inventory webpage www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/point-source-ei/psei.html.

If the regulated entity received this notification to submit a Calendar Year 2019 EI, the regulated entity has been formally notified that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) is conducting a special EI for ozone precursors under the authority of 30 TAC Section 101.10(b)(3). A completed EI must be submitted by the owner or operator of a regulated entity that emits 10 tons per year (tpy) or more of volatile organic compounds or 25 tpy or more of nitrogen oxides during routine operations and that is located in one of the following counties: Bastrop, Bell, Caldwell, Comal, El Paso, Gregg, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harrison, Hays, Henderson, Hood, Jefferson, Orange, McLennan, Nueces, Rusk, San Patricio, Smith, Travis, Upshur, Victoria, Williamson, or Wilson County.

Please note: The EPA finalized nonattainment designations with serious classifications for the 10-county Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) and eight-county Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) areas for the 2008 Ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) in 2019. Previously, these nonattainment areas were classified as moderate for the 2008 ozone NAAQS. Beginning with the 2019 reporting year, the following counties are classified as serious nonattainment for the 2008 ozone standard: Brazoria, Chambers, Collin, Dallas, Denton, Ellis, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Johnson, Kaufman, Liberty, Montgomery, Parker, Rockwall, Tarrant, Waller, and Wise.

If the regulated entity meets the reporting requirements of 30 TAC Section 101.10(a)(1)-(5) or is requested to submit a special EI, a complete EI must be submitted. Otherwise, a signed written statement explaining why the referenced regulated entity does not meet the EI reporting requirements must be submitted by the due date. The completed EI or signed written statement must be received by the TCEQ by March 31, 2020, or within 90 days of this letter, whichever is later.

2019 Emissions Inventory Guidelines: What's new?

The *2019 Emissions Inventory Guidelines* provides EI reporting guidance and explains how to complete an EI. The EAS webpage www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/point-source-ei/psei.html provides additional helpful resources such as instructions for web-EI reporting, lists of abatement and contaminant codes, a frequently asked questions document, and forms to update certain structure changes that cannot be completed using the web-EI system.

Some of the updates, clarifications, and considerations to the *2019 Emissions Inventory Guidelines* include:

- Chapter 1 - added that the 10-county Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) and eight-county Houston-Galveston-Brazoria (HGB) areas have been reclassified as serious nonattainment for the 2008 Ozone NAAQS;
- Chapter 6 - clarified that for combustion sources, the total heat value should include all fuels, including waste gases, liquids, and solids;
- Technical Supplement 3 - added two questions in the Issues of Concern section regarding how to report fugitive emissions with a weekly physical inspection program in place; and
- Appendix C - updated the contact information to include the EI mailing address, EAS staff mailing addresses, EAS helpline number, and EAS webpage information.

The TCEQ is not including the *2019 Emissions Inventory Guidelines* with this package. This document is available for download from the EAS webpage at www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/point-source-ei/psei.html. To receive a paper copy, please contact the TCEQ's Publications staff at (512) 239-0028.