



Reason for Not Adopting APWL Areas Considered

Date: June 23, 2009

APWL Site Under Consideration

County: Jefferson

City: Beaumont

TCEQ Region: 10 (Beaumont)

APWL Site Number (for existing sites): APWL1002

Pollutant(s): Benzene & Sulfur dioxide

Explanation:

The TCEQ Toxicology Division (TD) received a recommendation from the Southeast Texas Plant Managers Forum for the removal of benzene and sulfur dioxide from APWL1002.

However, the TD decided not to remove benzene from the APWL1002 at this time. We do recognize that benzene was placed on APWL1002 in Beaumont due to high readings at the former CAMS 54 Carroll St. Park air monitoring site. The annual average benzene concentrations at this site have remained below our health-based screening level of 1.4 ppb_v for the past four years. Thus, in the near future, we will be proposing that this pollutant should be removed from the APWL. However, this monitor is in the process of being relocated to a nearby residential area and the TCEQ is looking forward to evaluating data from this new location. Historically, the TCEQ has focused monitoring resources in this area and will continue focusing our resources here.

We also decided not remove sulfur dioxide from APWL1002 because our most recent mobile monitoring trip in 2007 reported levels above TCEQ's regulatory standard. Also, TCEQ has performed multiple mobile monitoring trips in the area since 2003 and have repeatedly monitored off-property exceedances of TCEQ's regulatory standard. Thus, we will continue to support all efforts to reduce sulfur dioxide emissions in this APWL area of concern.

The TD thanks the Southeast Texas Plant Managers Forum for their suggestions.

Comments Submitted and Responses:

1. [Comments from the Southeast Texas Plant Managers Forum](#)