

**NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF AN AREA
EMISSION REDUCTION CREDIT ORGANIZATION**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the requirements of the Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 384, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (commission) approved a petition from the North Central Texas Council of Governments requesting authorization to establish an Area Emission Reduction Credit Organization (AERCO) in the Dallas/Fort Worth ozone nonattainment area. The North Texas Commission, the Greater Dallas Chamber of Commerce, and the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce are also sponsors of this petition.

The purpose of an AERCO is to support economic development and air quality improvements in the ozone nonattainment areas. An AERCO may acquire emission reduction credits for new or expanding companies or initiate emission reduction programs beyond the ozone nonattainment area's State Implementation Plan requirements.

A public hearing on this matter was held on September 30, 1996. After considering the comments submitted at this hearing, the commission determined that the requirements of the Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 384 are met, and that creation of the AERCO would be in the public interest.

Issued in Austin, Texas, on December 18, 1996.