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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE STATE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (commission) will offer a public hearing to receive testimony regarding proposed air quality rules and state implementation plan (SIP) revisions resulting from reclassification of Bexar County from marginal to moderate nonattainment for the 2015 eight-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) under the requirements of Texas Health and Safety Code, §382.017; Texas Government Code, Chapter 2001, Subchapter B; and 40 Code of Federal Regulations §51.102 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) concerning SIPs.

The proposed rulemaking concerns amendments to 30 Texas Administrative Code (TAC) Chapter 114, Control of Air Pollution from Motor Vehicles (**Project No. 2022-026-114-AI**). Proposed amendments include implementing a vehicle emissions inspection and maintenance (I/M) program in Bexar County. The proposed revisions to the SIP include: an I/M SIP revision that would expand an I/M program to Bexar County beginning no later than November 1, 2026 (**Project 2022-027-SIP-NR**); a demonstration that includes a photochemical modeling analysis and a weight-of-evidence assessment that meets EPA modeling guidance (**Project No. 2022-025-SIP-NR**); and a demonstration that includes an analysis of reasonable further progress (RFP) towards attainment (**Project No. 2022-024-SIP-NR**). Both the photochemical modeling and RFP demonstration SIP revisions include motor vehicle emissions budgets for the 2023 attainment year.

The commission will offer a public hearing on these proposals in San Antonio on July 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. CDT in the Alamo Area Council of Governments board room, located at 2700 NE Loop 410, Suite 101. The hearing is structured for the receipt of oral or written comments by interested persons. Individuals may present oral statements when called upon in order of registration. Open discussion will not be permitted during the hearing; however, commission staff members will be available to discuss the proposals 30 minutes prior to the hearing.

The hearing will be conducted in English, and Spanish language interpretation services will be made available. Persons who have special communication or other accommodation needs who are planning to attend the hearing should contact Brad Patterson, Office of the Chief Clerk at (512) 239-1201 or 1-800-RELAY-TX (TDD). Requests should be made as far in advance as possible.

Information concerning the proposed rules, including proposal documents and instructions for providing public comment, is available at https://www.tceq.texas.gov/rules/propose_adopt.html. Information concerning the proposed SIP revisions, including proposal documents and instructions for providing public comment, is available at <https://www.tceq.texas.gov/airquality/sip/san/san-latest-ozone>.

The comment period closes at 11:59 p.m. CDT on July 17, 2023. Written comments will be accepted through the TCEQ's *Public Comment* system at: <https://tceq.commentinput.com/>. File size restrictions may apply. All comments should reference the respective project number. For additional submission methods or information, contact the project manager for the proposed

project: for **Project No. 2022-026-114-AI**, contact Edgar Gilmore at (512) 239-2069; for **Project Nos. 2022-027-SIP-NR** and **2022-025-SIP-NR**, contact Alison Stokes at (512) 239-4902; and for **Project No. 2022-024-SIP-NR**, contact Vanessa De Arman at (512) 239-5609.