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SIP Revision: Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. (Site-Specific), March 20, 1996

On March 20, 1996, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) adopted a site-specific State Implementation Plan (SIP) revision for Bell Helicopter Textron, Inc. in the Dallas-Fort Worth (DFW) ozone nonattainment area.

Summary of the SIP Revision

Adoption Date: 03/20/1996

EPA Approval Date: 05/30/1997 ([62 FR 29297](#))

Background and Key Changes: Site-specific SIP revisions adopting Alternate Reasonably available control technology (ARACT) were required by the Federal Clean Air Act (FCAA) for sites that could not meet reasonably available control technology (RACT) requirements because the RACT controls would be economically or technologically infeasible. This ARACT SIP revision was required because a Bell Helicopter facility in Fort Worth could not meet RACT requirements for aerospace coatings. Safety, performance, and contract specifications for its helicopters prevented Bell from using the compliant coatings. Since the helicopters produced at the site had to be built to military specifications, coating parameters were strictly regulated by the contract; RACT specifications for commercially available coatings would not have complied with the military's specifications. While Bell evaluated a number of facility redesign options, including exhaust recirculation, air flow reduction, and ARACT source consolidation, these were all determined to be infeasible. Instead, Bell committed to using low vapor pressure solvents to wipe down parts and assemblies whenever possible, and to install ten enclosed gun cleaners for washing of ARACT source spray equipment.

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