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# SIP Revision: Austin, San Antonio, and Northeast Texas, Early Action Compact, November 17, 2004

**On November 17, 2004, the commission adopted revisions to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the Austin, San Antonio, and Northeast Texas Early Action Compact (EAC) area and Chapters 114 and 115 of Title 30 of the Texas Administrative Code (TAC).**

## Summary of the SIP Revision

**Adoption Date:** 11/17/2004

**Proposal Date:** 07/14/2004

**EPA Approval Dates:** Austin - 08/19/2005 ([70 FR 48640](#)); Northeast Texas - 08/19/2005 ([70 FR 48642](#)); and San Antonio - 08/22/2005 ([70 FR 48877](#))

**Background:** In December 2002, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) implemented the [EAC program](#) that allowed three near-nonattainment areas in Texas to defer formal nonattainment designation under the eight-hour ozone standard if the state adopted and successfully implemented plans for those areas to ensure that those areas attained the standard by June 15, 2007. Areas that were eligible for this program included areas that had not previously been designated nonattainment under the one-hour ozone standard, but had been designated nonattainment under subpart 1 of the Federal Clean Air Act for the 1997 eight-hour ozone standard, and areas that were monitoring ozone levels that were high enough that they risked nonattainment designation by 2007.

On November 17, 2004, the commission adopted revisions including EAC attainment demonstrations for Austin, San Antonio, and Northeast Texas, and, at the request of the Austin and San Antonio areas, rule changes to 30 TAC Chapters 114 and 115. The EPA approved the Austin area plan ([70 FR 48640](#)) and Northeast Texas area plan ([70 FR 48642](#)) on August 19, 2005. The EPA issued final approval to extend the deferral of the effective date of air quality designations for the San Antonio area on August 22, 2005 ([70 FR 48877](#)).

On April 2, 2008 ([73 FR 17897](#)) the EPA issued final action to designate the San Antonio area attainment for the eight-hour ozone standard, as they met all milestones of the EAC program and demonstrated attainment of the 1997 eight-hour ozone standard by December 31, 2007.

The EAC program concluded in the spring of 2008.

**Key Changes:** This section provides a brief summary of the changes associated with each SIP revision and rule change.

- **Austin EAC SIP Revision:** The adopted revision to the SIP consists of an 8-hour ozone attainment demonstration for the area based on the local plan submitted to TCEQ by the area in March 2004, under its EAC. This revision contains results of photochemical modeling and technical documentation in support of the attainment demonstration. As a result of these analyses, and at the request of the Austin-area local governments, the revision includes rule revisions implementing a vehicle inspection and maintenance (I/M) program in Travis and



Williamson counties, a new rule allowing jurisdictions to enforce heavy duty diesel idling restrictions within their boundaries through an enforcement agreement with TCEQ, and for all five counties revisions to the VOC rules for degreasing, Stage 1 vapor recovery, and cutback asphalt use.

- **San Antonio EAC SIP Revision:** The adopted revision to the SIP consists of an eight-hour ozone attainment demonstration for the area based on the local plan submitted to TCEQ by the area in March 2004, under its EAC. This revision contains results of photochemical modeling and technical documentation in support of the attainment demonstration. As a result of these analyses, and at the request of the San Antonio local governments, the revision includes, for all four counties, revisions to the VOC rules for degreasing and Stage 1 vapor recovery.
- **Northeast Texas EAC SIP Revision:** The adopted revision to the SIP consists of an 8-hour ozone attainment demonstration for the area based on the local plan submitted to TCEQ by the area in March 2004, under its EAC. This revision contains results of photochemical modeling and technical documentation in support of the attainment demonstration.

## SIP Narrative and Appendices

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## **Associated Rules**

### **Heavy-Duty Vehicle Idling**

The adopted rulemaking allows local governmental entities to enforce restrictions on heavy-duty diesel idling within their jurisdictions if they sign an enforcement agreement with TCEQ.

- **Project No. 2004-072-114-AI**

### **Vehicle Inspection/Maintenance (I/M)**

The adopted rulemaking requires all 2–24-year-old gasoline vehicles in Travis and Williamson Counties to undergo an annual emissions inspection test along with the current annual safety inspection. The program is be similar to the I/M program currently operated in other areas of the state.

- **Project No. 2004-071-114-AI**

### **VOC Measures**

The adopted rulemaking revises 30 TAC Chapter 115, Subchapters C, E and F, to implement VOC controls on degreasing units, require the use of Stage 1 Vapor Recovery equipment in gasoline stations with more than 25,000 gallons per month of throughput, and prohibit the seasonal use of cutback asphalt. Degreasing and Stage 1 Vapor recovery changes will be applicable to the five Austin-area counties and the four San Antonio EAC counties, while cutback asphalt restrictions will only be applicable in the Austin area.

- **Project No. 2004-073-115-AI**